

Entrance Antiphon To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

ROSTERS - 3rd/4th December 2022
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Bevitt
Readers E Bevitt
Gifts
Cleaners

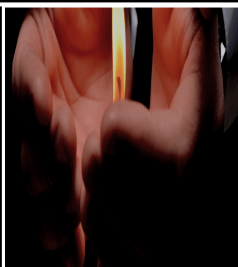
Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Heffernan
Gifts
Cleaners - Dec Simon & Lorraine Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Eileen Reckord
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts
Cleaners Marg T & Lee R
Audio-Visual Val Besant
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator T Tomlinson
Readers M Scott, A Twyford
Gifts
Counters K Rix & V Northcott
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, C Tarlinton,
D Koenigkamp, L Stewart
Nursing Home M Twyford, B Tygh

Wise Words:

Advent is a journey
towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves
be drawn by the light
of God made man.
- Pope Francis



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—
6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or
Matt 0429 338 348.

Meditation & Contemplative Prayer

Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the
annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.

Sunday Readings Reflection Group

Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra.
All Welcome.

ROSARY

Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
all are welcome.



MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays

St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental
programme 2022**

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—22nd June
First Communion - 18th September
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.

For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's
Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or
place your order in a marked envelope in
the 2nd collection. **Bulletin & Forms** can
be found on the website

vigilance



1st Advent - Year A

27th November 2022

St. Patrick's Parish

*St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.*

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

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Waiting and Vigilance

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which
is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical
year for the Church. The Advent season
includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for
the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our
faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the
birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting,
preparation, and justice.



In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel
proclaimed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for
wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that
Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer
centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to
come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after
the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who
believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent
return of the Lord in glory.



The passage from Matthew we read today is rather
straightforward. No one knows the precise time of
the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful
waiting and vigilance are required. The passage
speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs;
there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the
night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we
prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting,
rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of
Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If
one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As
Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise
timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we
become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Planned Building Maintenance: The parish over the next few years will be undertaking maintenance of the various buildings under our charge for Bega, Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka. Please pray for these projects. Thank you.



Vinnies News: ♦ *Bingo Night* Saturday 26th - Bega Golf Club from 5pm - eyes down 5:30. \$20 a book, light supper provided. Lots of prizes.
♦ *Christmas Appeal:* Envelopes available at the church entrance. All money used to support those in need in our local community. Thank you for your support.

Lumen Christi Year 7 2023 Orientation Day. Wed 30th Nov 9am to 3:20pm.

Dear friends, as you know our first collection for sustaining the priest in this parish is in deficit for the last few years. Thus we would like to recommend to you leaving a gift in a part of your will to the first collection. There's a spiritual power to the bequest as experienced by St Teresa of Jesus. Please contact Father Adrian for more information. *Thank you for your consideration.*

Christmas Penitential Rite. Fr Adrian is available for individual confessions before and after all masses during Advent (time permitting). Also on Saturdays in St Patrick's from 9:40am.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church: Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve

Bega 5:30pm Carols

6:00pm Family Vigil

Candelo 9:00pm

Christmas Day

Tathra 7:45am

Bemboka 11:00am



You're Invited

♦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 13th November

♦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 27th Nov.

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

➤ *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil

➤ *Candelo* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th

➤ *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass

➤ *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

Weekdays

➤ Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Church

➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.

➤ Thursday 9.15am Bega Church

➤ *Hillgrove House* 3rd Thursday 11am

➤ Friday 9.15am Bega Church

4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'

➤ Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Ann Kok, Sr Margaret Smith, Betty Douglass, Ron Alexander

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia Tregurtha, Jack & Marie McNamara, Curtis McNamara, Rina Sheehan, Allan Hanscombe, Ann Farrell, Bob Armstrong, & November List.

PRAYERS Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).

Feasts Day

30th Nov - St Andrew, Apostle. Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

3rd Dec - St Francis Xavier, Priest 1506-1552. Met St Ignatius of Loyola while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.



Lord our God,
Make us watchful and
keep us faithful
as we wait for the coming of your
Son our Lord;
that, when he appears,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise.

Amen

Susan Sayers

