

**Entrance Antiphon** To you, I lift 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** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**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 - 7th/8th December 2024**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator E Bevitt  
Readers R Allen  
Cleaners Woollett

**Candelo Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator Ann Haesy  
Readers R Coman  
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Eileen Corcoran  
Readers Paul Gardiner  
Cleaners Gerry & Sue Collins  
Audio-Visual Carleen Maley  
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Mark Oakley

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator M Henare  
Readers A Woods  
Gifts Volunteer  
Counters Tomlinson & Farrell  
Music Matt Heffernan  
Acolyte Sean McCambridge  
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp

**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.

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encouraged to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

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

**MENS' GROUP:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays  
St Patrick's Church.  
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

**St Patrick's Sacramental Programme**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation 2025*— TBA  
*Weddings*—by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Syro-Malabar Mass** 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965  
**സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന**  
മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച  
വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ.  
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**1st Advent - Year C**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**1st December 2024**


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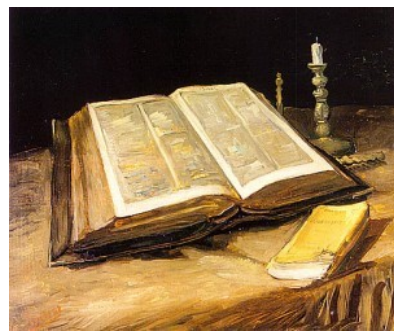
Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.  
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.  
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*  
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, [Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto:Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)  
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500  
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

*We acknowledge the Yuin People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.*

**Slow Waiting.**

This gospel passage is taken from a chapter dealing with both the medium and long term future for believers in which Jesus recognises that although he has come to bring freedom and peace, that does not mean there will be an immediate end to violence and suffering. The language is that of apocalyptic which is a type of writing aimed at encouraging people to believe in God's ultimate victory, the triumph of good over evil. By the time that Luke's gospel was written, people were wondering when would Jesus return and how would they know. Here they are reminded that the key thing is not to be able to tell the future but to be faithful to the way of Jesus, especially a prayerful way of reflecting on the times we live in.





You might be wondering how are these readings supposed to help us get ready for Christmas? Well, they do this by reminding us that Advent is a time of waiting - a getting ready for the return of Jesus - not just a recalling of the first Christmas but a preparation for the fact that he will come again. So the focus for us at the start of each Advent is the invitation to prayerful taking stock of how ready are we, as individuals and as a church, to receive him however, wherever and whenever he comes to us.

*Sean Goan*

## St Joseph's Church Sesquicentenary

St Joseph's Church was opened by Reverend Dr. Rodger Bede Vaughan on Sunday 31st January 1875 (Visions for a Valley, p48). The Candelo community will have a celebration for the anniversary on Sunday the 16th February 2025 with a mass at 10am followed by a community gathering in the church hall. More details to follow closer to the event.



**Bega Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** There will be a leaving collection after Masses this weekend to support out local conference's Christmas appeal. Thanks

**RCIA:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at [Adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:Adrian.chan@cg.org.au)

**Now Available** for collection God's Word 2025 . There are some extra copies available - please contact the office.

**Christmas Nativity.** All parish children are invited to participate in our Christmas eve mass as part of our Nativity Gospel. If interested please contact the parish office.



**Retirement of Fr Joe Tran.** To mark this occasion there will be a Thanksgiving Mass on 7th December at 11am Narooma.

**St Peter's Parish Pambula** are seeking a new parish secretary. This is a part-time, permanent position (12 hours over two days per week). Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 0435 036 236 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications close 3rd December.

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREATS 2025.** How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Choose any of the Weekends: Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) .

**Christmas Gifts from Palms!** Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference? Palms has the shop for you! Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here! Just scan the QR or go to [palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop](http://palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop)



**You're Invited - after mass**

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
  - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

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

**Fr Adrian Contact:** Mobile: 0411 676 064  
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**Weekdays**

- Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**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
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John McManus, Tony Johnston, Brie Myers

**ANNIVERSARIES** Rina Sheehan, Ken Lehman, Ann Farrell, Pat Trigurtha, Joan & Paul Finucane, Cec Berman

**Feasts Days this Week**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Francis Xavier**, Priest 1506-1552. Became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> - St John Damascene**, Priest & Doctor of the Church 675-749. Remembered for his vigorous defence of the veneration of images against the iconoclasts, for his theological writings synthesising the thought of the Greek Fathers, and for his poetry and hymnody
- 6<sup>th</sup> - St Nicholas**, Bishop ca.4<sup>th</sup> Century. Remembered because his reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day, and thus to the Christmas figure of Santa Claus
- 7<sup>th</sup> - St Ambrose**, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 374-397. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns

**Pambula Parish Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage** 9th May to 4th June 2025. Accompanied by Fr George. For more information contact the office for a copy of the information flyer or visit [www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2539](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2539)



**Minute Meditations - Rebuild the House of God**

The reflection of ourselves in the cross is difficult to describe, and I'm sure equally difficult to understand or accept. Yet it lies at the heart of Francis' spirituality and mission. It also ties in most intimately with his experience before the San Damiano crucifix and the invitation to rebuild the church. It was a transformed heart, a transformed self, into the image of Christ that became the tools by which society, the church, and all life could be rebuilt. As we embrace this process, we take a major step toward discovering who we are as disciples of Christ; we are also well on the way to rebuilding our inner life and ultimately rebuilding the house of God.

- from *In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare* by Roch Niemier, OFM



**Wise Words:**

During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ, when he will return at the end of time , preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him.

- Pope Francis