

Responsorial Psalm. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, Alleluia
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

ROSTERS - 8th/9th February 2020
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator P Bateman
Readers S Berman
Gifts Green
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator J Coman
Readers Ann Haesy
Gifts
Cleaners - Feb Sharon & David Heffernan

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Carleen Maley
Readers Michael Hergenhan
Gifts Les & Carleen Maley
Cleaners Gerry & Sue Collins
Wardens Michael & Eddie, R Cummins
Audio-Visual Kate D'Arcy
Eucharistic Ministers Denise Miller, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator J Lott
Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill
Gifts Woods family
Counters T & M Collins
Music Matt Heffernan & Choir
Acolyte David Grainger
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, B Burton
M Twyford, J Taylor
Nursing Home

Wise Words:

FAITH is not a light which scatters all our darkness BUT a lamp which guides our steps in the night AND suffices for the Journey.

- Pope Francis



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10.10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm
Contacts Mary 64921850 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 2020

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
First Reconciliation— 27th March
First Communion—11th June
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

For Sale: Bibles - \$16; 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



The Presentation of the Lord - Year A 2nd February 2019

St. Patrick's Parish

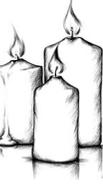
St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Luke's account of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple includes an instance of what is characteristic throughout his gospel: stories often comes in pairs, one with a male protagonist, the other with a female. Here the male and female protagonists are presented in one story. It is worth paying closer attention to the names Luke gives: Simeon, and Anna of the tribe of Asher. The names Simeon and Asher first appear in the account of patriarch Jacob's complicated family life (Gen 29-30). Jacob had intended to marry Rachel, but after the wedding night he discovered he had instead married her elder sister Leah. He did later marry Rachel too. In the meantime fertile Leah hoped that her bearing of children would bring Jacob to love her. Her second son was Simeon, said to mean 'Heard'. After Jacob married his beloved Rachel, she proved barren, and so she gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob in effect as her surrogate so that when Bilhah bore two sons Rachel claimed them as her own. Leah ceased to bear after four sons, yet still hoping for Jacob's love she copied Rachel's method and gave her own maid, Zilpah, to Jacob; Leah claimed each of Zilpah's two sons; she named the second son 'Asher', said to mean 'Happy' saying 'Happy am I! For women will call me happy', which is found in a modified form in Mary's Magnificat.



Luke's use of these names, Simeon and Asher, may be significant for their being the progenitors of the southernmost and northernmost tribes of Israel, such that the baby Jesus is metaphorically embraced by all of Israel. It may also be significant that both were second sons, one of a lawful wife and the other of a concubine, thus suited to play a part in the later frequent trope in Jewish and Gentile-Christian conflicts over who the true descendants of Abraham were: the children of the flesh (the elder son) or those by later adoption (the second son).

In Luke's gospel the child Jesus was first visited by shepherds, the marginalised of society, however much lauded in the earlier Scriptures. Here he is warmly received by the Israelites, & yet we know that that point will not persist as the gospel unfolds since he will be rejected by at least the leaders of his people. Perhaps that point is that he is received by those who are attentive to the Scriptures, seekers after God and seekers of wisdom. Those who yearn for him do recognise him when he comes.

St Patrick's Staff Commissioning Mass

St Patrick's 9:30am

Lenten Book -Grace \$9. Grace is a 76-page full colour book (240x170mm) book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, Grace is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. Also available is a Triple CD Resource also for \$9. Please use the Sign-up sheet at the church entrance **this** Sunday to order.

St Patrick's School Masses. ✠ *Opening Mass* Friday 7th 12:15pm.
 ✠ *Ash Wednesday* - 26th February 12:15pm
 ✠ *Feast of St Patrick* - 17th March 12:15pm

RCIA. Starting again Thursday 13th 6pm, St Patrick's. For more info please contact Fr Luke. luke.verrell@cg.org.au

PPC Meeting. The next PPC meeting is Thursday 6th February 6pm.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend - 17-19 April. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wvme.org.au Or contact Adrian & Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419; adrian.janet1@bigpond.com Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

First Reconciliation 2020



- ✠ **Information night** 12th February 6:30pm St Patrick's Church
- ✠ **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 1st March 9:30am St Patrick's Church.
- ✠ **Candidate Family Masses** Sun 8th & 15th 5pm St Patrick's
- ✠ **First Reconciliation** 27th & 28th March, St Patrick's Church.
- ✠ **Thanksgiving Mass & Morning Tea** 29th March, 9:30am St Pat's

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 5.30pm Bega
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega
- 3rd Thurs. 11.00am Hillgrove House
- Friday 9.15am Bega
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Robert, Patrick & Edna Salway

ANNIVERSARIES Heather Pook, Pam Collins, Eric, Caroline & Neville Turnbull, Alan Hanscombe

Feast Days this Week

- 2nd - **The Presentation of the Lord.** Originated in Jerusalem before the 5th century and was adopted in Rome during the 7th century.
- 3rd - **St Ansgar,** Bishop. 801-865. Remembered for opposing slavery and for persevering in his evangelisation of Denmark and Sweden in the face of major setbacks.
- 3rd - **St Blaise,** Bishop and Martyr. Early 4th Century.
- 5th - **St Agatha,** Virgin and Martyr. Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.
- 6th - **St Paul Miki & companions,** martyrs. Died 1597. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.
- 8th - **St Josephine Bakhita,** Virgin. 1869-1947. 'Mother Moretta' (our black mother) is remembered for her gentle good nature, humble faith, and gospel charity towards the poor and suffering.

Archbishops Message - In a Time of Bushfires, Drought and Smoke (20th January)

As all are aware, we are in the midst of a most dangerous bushfire season. Already too many lives have been lost. The destruction of properties, livestock and native animals is widespread. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and communities impacted during this time of bushfires. We continue our prayers for more rain in our drought-stricken land. We are most grateful for the heroism of the emergency services.

Our Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has been severely impacted both with the drought and now the bushfires. Also, the smoke haze is virtually a daily health concern for so many. Typically, the practical generosity of the Archdiocese has been immediate. The financial twinning of city parishes with fire effected parishes and the generosity of so many others is a wonderful example of practical charity. Extra co-ordination of our educational, health and social services is evident to ensure those most in need are receiving help and our prayerful support.

As I make pastoral visits to our South Coast parishes, and parishes in the high country, I am assuring them all of our prayerful and practical support. These embattled communities are tremendously grateful for all our concern and help. The bushfire season and drought are far from over. We continue to pray humbly to the Lord for help in our time of great need and danger. Our prayers are particularly directed to those who have died and their grieving families, and all who are suffering.

Yours sincerely in Christ - Archbishop Christopher Prowse

