

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 non who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face & we shall be saved

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 - 5th/6th December 2020

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Green
Readers S Berman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Green

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers R Coman
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Pat Platts
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts on hold
Cleaners J Battista & E Reckord
Wardens G Collins, G Hergenhan
Audio-Visual On Hold
Eucharistic Ministers Eileen Record, Mark Oakley

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator Ayesha Twyford
Readers Melinda & Ayesha Twyford
Gifts On hold
Counters Office
Music Matt Heffernan & Cantor
Acolyte TBA

Wise Words:

Hope allows us to enter into the darkness of an uncertain future to journey in the light.

- 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 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— TBA
First Communion—TBA
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

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1st Advent - Year B

29th November 2020

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*
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
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Jesus' Apocalyptic Discourse in Mark 13

The thirteenth chapter of Mark's gospel is frequently called 'The Little Apocalypse.'

This apocalyptic speech is similar in outlook, language, and expectation to

material found in the books of Daniel and Revelation. The apocalyptic worldview distinguishes sharply between the present sinful age and the glorious future age.



The 'age to come' will be established only after the present world is destroyed in a great, cosmic war which pits evil against good and the righteous against the wicked. In this apocalyptic world there is no middle ground. In such fearful and frightful times the righteous have the advantage of God's invincible might which will surely and completely annihilate the forces of evil. The present chaos and upheaval serve as signs to the faithful that God is about to come in power, bringing victory, glory, and a new creation. Particularly in the New Testament the frightful and glorious Age to Come is heralded by the coming of the Son of Man.

In Mark 13 Jesus has finally arrived in Jerusalem and he is now seated on the Mount of Olives, opposite the Temple, looking down upon the city of Jerusalem. There, like prophets of old, Jesus speaks of the immediate future. He describes the days ahead in typical, even stock, apocalyptic imagery: there will be war between kingdoms, earthquakes, and famines, the persecution of the righteous, false messiahs, and cosmic signs - 'sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky'. This means that the end is at hand: 'this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place'.

These terrifying signs, however, call the elect both to ethical conduct and to hope. With the return of the Son of Man so near, the elect are to keep themselves free from sin lest they be found among the ranks of sinners doomed to destruction; and they are to have hope for the time of their deliverance and victory is at hand.





Christmas Choir Practice: Wednesdays St Patrick's Church. 5:30pm. Masks will be available to be worn at practices.

Now available. Pre-orders of Gods Word 2020 and Adore Advent booklets can now be collected. Didn't order? Some extra copies are available.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal - A Christmas like no other! The Bega conference is running a low-key appeal this Advent. Your donation will provide assistance to families who have been through a difficult 12 months. Envelopes are available at the Church entrance. Thank you for your support.



Reaching Beyond 2020. People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need - Beirut. Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,00 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal. Please visit <https://aidtochurch.org/lebanon>.

Engaged Encounter Retreat - 20-21 February 2021. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Wanted: Loving Married Couples. *Become a Sponsor couple.* SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT | www.smartloving.org/webinar

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 Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
➤ *Hillgrove House on hold.*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Bega *'Holy Hour of Mercy'*
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Ann Farrell, Terry Dickson, Maureen Hayson
ANNIVERSARIES Ken Lehman, Rina Sheehan, Bob Armstrong, Pat Tregurtha

30th November - St Andrew, Apostle. Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist. Introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus. Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Feast Days this Week **4th December - St John Damascene,** Priest & Doctor of the Church, ca.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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath.

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.



YOU KNOW, I WAS HOPING THAT A NEW CHURCH YEAR WOULD BRING A CHANGE OF TONE, BUT THIS READING IS AS APOCALYPTIC AS LAST WEEK'S WAS!



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IT'S ADVENT, WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST.



WHEN HE COMES... WILL WE BE ABLE TO HUG PEOPLE AGAIN?



MARK 13:24-37