

Entrance Antiphon O people of Sion, Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

ROSTERS - 12th/13th December 2020
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haesey
Readers P O'Callaghan
Gifts on hold
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Pat Platts
Gifts on hold
Cleaners Megan Hergenhan
Wardens Michael & Edie, G Collins
Audio-Visual On Hold
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Jacinta Battista

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator J Lott
Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill
Gifts On hold
Counters Office
Music Matt Heffernan & Cantor
Acolyte TBA

Wise Words:

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all, to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
It is right & it is duty.

- St Oscar Romero

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

Peace



2nd Advent - Year B

6th December 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*
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John the Baptist: Messenger and Servant

The title of the gospel makes clear its main subject: 'The Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.' Throughout the gospel Mark will turn the spotlight on Jesus. Whenever the light shines on anyone else - disciples, opponents, the crowd - it always casts Jesus into even sharper relief.

The gospel begins with a prophecy from the Old Testament, - I am sending my messenger ahead of you. The messenger, of course, is John the Baptist; the 'you' is Jesus. Mark has already made a point: Jesus is the fulfilment of prophecy. This passage in which God addresses Jesus anticipates the account of the baptism when the voice from heaven says to Jesus, 'You are my beloved Son'.

The first half of the prophecy, addressed to Jesus, indicates that the messenger's mission is to 'prepare your way.' The second half tells the messenger to 'prepare the way of the Lord.' In this way Mark informs the reader that Jesus is 'the Lord.' Ironically, while this quote is used to explain the mission of John, it ends up illuminating Jesus.



Having presented the messenger and the mission, Mark now introduces John's message but in such a way that once again John is diminished while Jesus is spotlighted. The narrator uses third-person speech to describe what John proclaimed - a baptism of repentance. However, when John speaks of Jesus we are given a first-person speech. Thus, the message about John is indirect, while the message about Jesus is direct. In John's

proclamation he further indicates his subordinate status in two ways: first, by explicitly acknowledging that 'someone more powerful is following me'; and, second, by claiming that he is unworthy to 'undo the strap of his sandals.' This is the work of a slave, not a job a disciple would be expected to do for his master. John sees himself as lower than a slave in comparison to Jesus. Thus, though John may be the main character in this Sunday's episode, he is little more than a shadow cast by the light, Jesus.





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

Setting up of Outdoor Masses.

This year, because of Covid, we will only have two advertised Masses for Christmas.

Christmas Eve 7pm (carols from 6:30pm) Bega and Christmas Day 7:45am Tathra Headland.

Please write your names below to Set up for these Masses.

Initial set up 24th 8:30am- Bega & Clean Up- 8pm

Tathra Set Up 25th 6am (meet headland) & Clean up 9am

Hillgrove House Monthly Mass resumes- 11am 3rd Thursday, of every Month.
The next service is on the 17th.



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.

Aid to the Church in Need - That Catholic Shop. That Catholic Shop is an exciting development for *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*. This year do some Christmas shopping on the online store and support the works of ACN to keep the faith alive. Please visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

Christmas Mass Times 2020

Christmas Eve

Bega 6:30pm Carols - Flats

7:00pm Family Vigil

Candelo 7pm (Fr Rex)

Christmas Day

Tathra 7:45am - Headland

Bemboka 9.30am



Penitential Service:

Wed 16th Dec 7pm second rite at St Patrick's church Bega.

Thurs 17th Dec 7pm second rite at St Joseph's Merimbula



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 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 Richard Cock, Ann Farrell, Terry Dickson

ANNIVERSARIES Ken Lehman, Rina Sheehan, Bob Armstrong, Pat Tregurtha

Feast Days this Week

6th - St Nicholas, Bishop, ca.4th 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.

7th - St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 340-397.

8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, 1474-1531. An indigenous Mexican of the Aztec empire, he is revered as the father of Catholicism in Mexico and Latin America.

11th - St Damasus I, Pope, 305-384. Commissioned Saint Jerome to prepare a new Latin translation of the Bible. Also remembered for promoting the cult of the Roman martyrs, inscribing their tombs with epitaphs in verse.

12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under the name of Guadalupe, the Virgin Mary is recognised as the patron of all the Americas. On this day in 1531, legend has it that the icon of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe was left imprinted on the cloak of Saint Juan Diego.

Lighting the Advent Wreath.

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader:

Leader: Let us pray:



All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

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HE'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ON THE
EDGE OF SURVIVAL, ANTICIPATING
THE COMING OF SALVATION.



AND SHOPPING
LOCAL!



MARK 1:1-8