

**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** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation** 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 - 11th/12th December 2021**  
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

**Bemboka Sat 6pm**  
Commentator G Bevitt  
Readers R & H Allen  
Gifts  
Cleaners

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

**Tathra Sun 7:45am**  
Commentator Jacinta Battista  
Readers Eileen Record  
Gifts  
Cleaners Pat Platts  
Audio-Visual Val Besant  
Eucharistic Ministers Jacinta Battista, Pat Platts

**Bega Sun 9:30am**  
Commentator V Northcott, A Woods  
Readers V Northcott, A Woods  
Gifts  
Music  
Acolyte David Grainger  
Eucharistic Ministers D Koenigkamp, K Rix, F Farrell, B Tygh

**Wise Words:** True peace does not come as a result of eliminating sorrows & disappointments. It comes as a result of one thing, & that is an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He is where anxiety ends & peace begins. - Charles F Stanley



**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 program 2021**  
*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation*—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 C**

# St. Patrick's Parish

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

**5th December 2021**

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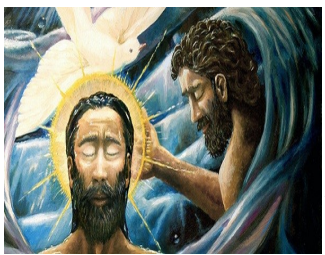
**Repentance / Forgiveness**

Luke uses the technical term 'proclaiming' to describe the preaching of John, Jesus' preaching in the synagogues, and Jesus' announcing 'the good news of the Kingdom of God'. John's exhortations, then, are more than ordinary preaching: his ministry, like the ministry of Jesus, is a proclamation of the gospel. Moreover, his preparatory ministry fulfils Gabriel's prediction to Zechariah ('he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah'; 1:16-17) and anticipates the ministry of the disciples when the risen Jesus sends them to proclaim 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins'.



John is proclaiming 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Washing in water is both part of traditional Jewish ritual practice (see Leviticus 15) and is generally symbolic of the removal of sin. John's baptism, however, requires that sinners change their ways. Isaiah 1:16-17 is a powerful example of the relationship between washing and a change in behaviour: 'Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good'. One is purified by changing behaviour. In this way John's baptism symbolises repentance. In next Sunday's gospel John describes specific concrete changes in the lives of a number of different people. Repentance is real to the extent that it brings about change; such repentance is the precondition for forgiveness.

But baptism is more than an expression of repentance: it is also a ritual enactment of the good news that sin can be taken away. Forgiveness of sins reveals the mercy of God and draws the individual into an experience of salvation. But for baptism to be a saving event, a change of behaviour is necessary. John's baptism ritualises both the repentance of the sinner and God's forgiveness of sin.



Luke understands John's ministry as a fulfilment of the passage from Isaiah which he quotes (Isa 40:3-5). The future coming of salvation which Isaiah had foreseen is taking place now in the ministry of John and in the coming of Jesus.

**STAY COVID-19 SAFE**

<b>Wear Mask</b>	Sanitise hands	Sign in: - QR code or sheet
Singing with social distance	Communion in the hand or mouth	Do <b>not</b> return bulletin
		Keep social distance - 2m <sup>2</sup>

**Christmas Choir:** combined choir made up of all our singers from every Church. Open to all - practice from 6pm St Pats- each Wednesday until Christmas.



**Vinnies News:** ♦ *Fashion Parade* - 11th December. Bega Country Club. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets are \$20 are available at Vinnies Store Bega. ♦ *Christmas Appeal:* Give hope to struggling families the Christmas. Every donation made to Vinnies goes a long way to makings someone's Christmas brighter and happier. More information in the foyer.

**Please Help!** Join Fr Luke in St Patrick's Church after morning mass on Saturday 11th to finish setting the crib and to erect and decorate the Christmas tree. Thanks

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** ACN has a range of Christmas gifts and decorations available at their online shop [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) All purchases go to support the church in need throughout the world. A copy of their catalogue is available at the church entrance.

**Archdiocesan Zoom Advent Groups** - 4pm Sunday 5th or 10 am Tuesday 7th December. Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540. This online video resource includes input from Archbishop Christopher and reflections from lay people from around our Archdiocese. Program available at [www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT) contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) or 0429 192 869

**Laudato Si Action Platform.** The much-anticipated Laudato Si' Action Platform was officially launched last week. The platform offers Catholics and "all people of good will" concrete steps and support towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology as described in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the care of creation. The platform identifies 7 sectors working towards 7 goals over 7 years. Everyone is invited to participate by enrolling in the platform. Further information -

- <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
- <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

**2022 Columban Calendars \$9**

To Purchase:  
 ♦ From the church entrance:  
 Please use the envelope provided & place in 2nd collection.  
 ♦ Contact the office via phone or email.



**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

**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

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Dorothy Frowde, Sr M Christina Keogh RSJ, Clare O'Reilly  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Manuel Stamatis, Patricia Tergurtha, Crowe & McNamara Families, Rina Sheehan, Ann Farrell, Cec Berman, Bob Armstrong  
**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter). Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health. John Verrell - Ill Health

**Feasts Days this**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - St Nicholas**, Bishop, d.4<sup>th</sup> Century. Bishop of Myra (Turkey) but nothing more is known about his life. 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, 340-397. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns.  
**8<sup>th</sup> - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** 1474-1548. An indigenous Mexican of the Aztec empire, he is revered as the father of Catholicism in Mexico and Latin America.  
**11<sup>th</sup> - St Damasus I**, Pope, 305-384. Remembered for promoting the cult of the Roman martyrs, inscribing their tombs with epitaphs in verse.

**Second Candle - The Candle of Peace**  
**The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus**

**Leader:** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord  
**All:** Thanks be to God

**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.

**Christmas Mass Times 2021**  
*Christmas Eve*  
 Bega 6:30pm Carols-Flats  
 7:00pm Family Vigil  
 Candelo 6pm (Fr Rex)  
*Christmas Day*  
 Tathra 7:45am - Headland  
 Bemboka 9.00am (Fr Rex)  
**Bring own chair or rug for outdoor masses**



**MISHEARD CAROL LYRICS**