

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 - 14th/15th December 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers S Berman
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers M Whitby
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Betty O'Brien
Readers Eileen Corcoran
Cleaners Oakley Family & everyone
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Ferris
Readers J Scott-Pegum
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Danni & Mary
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton

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 encourage 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
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St. Patrick's Parish

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

8th 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
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.

Repentance.

Luke begins his account of the ministry of Jesus by putting it in its historical context. He tells us about who was in charge in the worlds of politics and religion and then introduces us to someone who was something of a threat to them both. John the Baptist is presented as inviting the people to repent, to turn again to God and to show their desire to do this by being baptised - a symbolic washing. In so doing John is seen as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah in which there is a call to remove every obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salvation to his people. This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: *repentance.*



Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many people of the season of Lent rather than Advent but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an effort to get over the darkness of winter. These readings show the true meaning of repentance, for they speak about leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us, and opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and beyond our wildest dreams: God coming in the person of his Son.

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.





We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Inigo Jose Nicolas Collins-Caballero
Candela Teresa Collins-Caballero

Baptised in the name of the Father, & the Son & the Holy Spirit

Parish Email. There have been some technical issues with the Archdiocese email system. Currently not all emails are being received. Please contact the parish office or Fr Adrian directly by phone for essential matters. Thanks

Help Please: In relation to the upcoming St Joseph's Church 150th celebration, could anyone with memories, photographs or articles of the Church and the old Convent please contact Tanya or John Coman (0439262722). The information will be copied and the originals returned.

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at Adrian.chan@cg.org.au

Save the Date! Chamber Philharmonia Cologne plays Vivaldi, Bach & Sarasate. Tuesday, 21st January 2025 at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church in Bega. Advance Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXAQQ>

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.

Aid to the Church in Need Christmas Catalogue now available at the church entrance.

Christmas Gifts from Palms! Whether it be a gift directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese gifts for your loved one's home! Go to 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
 Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John McManus
ANNIVERSARIES Rina Sheehan, Ken Lehman, Ann Farrell, Pat Trigurtha,

Feasts Days this Week
 9th - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9th - **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** 1474-1548. He is revered as the father of Catholicism in Mexico and Latin America
 10th - **Our Lady of Loreto**
 11th - **St Damasus I**, Pope 305-384. Commissioned St 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 and this most popular religious and cultural image is a symbol of the inculturation of the Catholic faith in Mexico.
 13th - **St Lucy**, Virgin and Martyr ca. 4th Century. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.
 14th - **St John of the Cross**, Priest & Doctor of the Church 1542-1591. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

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



Wise Words:
 Find happiness by making others happy.
 - *St Mary Mackillop*

Christmas Mass Times 2024
Christmas Eve
 Bega 5:30pm Carols
 6:00pm Family Vigil
 Candelo 9pm
Christmas Day
 Tathra 7:45am
 Bemboka 10:00am
 Bega 4:00pm Syro Malabar
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