

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 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 - 16th/17th December 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator E Bevitt
Readers G German
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator R Heffernan
Readers M Whitby
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Kate D'Arcy
Readers Trish Sly
Cleaners Marj Bower
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator V Northcott, A Woods
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Vinnies
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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 encouraged 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
Reconciliation—26th May 2024
First Communion - 25th August 2024
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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. **Bulletin & Forms** can be found on the website



2nd Advent - Year B

10th December 2023

St. Patrick's Parish

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

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
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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.

Pulling a Fast One

Today's Second Reading (2Pet 3:8-15) reminds me of the tale of Ted. Ted thought he'd pull a fast one on God. So he prayed: 'Heavenly Father, for you a million years is but a minute and a million Euro but one cent. Please hear me as I ask you for just one cent.'

God heard, and said: "Sure, Ted. Just a minute!"

The moral of the story is that we should know what to expect from God. Our First Reading (Isa 40:1-5, 9-11) tells us what that is: tenderness. Let that sink in. God gives us affection. Since it's not possible for us to be on a par with God, God puts himself on a par with us: God becomes man.

That's the God who comes at Christmas. But do we want to meet God? Can we tolerate a tender God? If we stamp others as our 'enemy', can we hear God's tender voice - especially when its directed at those 'enemies'? If my enemy's enemy is indeed my friend, is his friend then my enemy? How can we call God 'friend' while calling God's friend 'enemy'?

Advent is a time for thinking things through, for seeing the implications of Jesus' birth. He came to give life in all its fullness to humanity in all its numbers regardless of who they are or where they come from. That's a message you won't see posted in shop windows in the run-up to Christmas. You won't hear it anywhere except in God's subversive, yet creative, word.

Fr. Tom Cahill svd



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Raya Elle Carter

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

Note for readers please pause 20 seconds in between readings for respectful silence - thank you.

St Patrick's School thanksgiving Mass - Tuesday 12th December 12:35pm.
All welcome.

God's Word 2024 is now available for collection.

New Tap Device. The parish has updated the tap device. The device now has 3 set amounts to choose from. Your donation will be split between the 2 collections: 30% to the first and 70% to the second. Thank you.

Vinnies Store. The Bega Vinnies stores is closed until further notice. Unfortunately they cannot take donations until they reopen. They apologise for the inconvenience and hope to be open again soon.

Ministry to the Newly Married. Are you recently married (in the past 2 years) or about to be married? Join a mentoring program for couples in the first 5 years of their marriage. Details: Ralph & Angela 0401 994 081 OR Helena and Richard on 0405 440 463 or contact@newlymarried.org. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>. Register for 2024 before 12 Jan.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

✦ *Ceasefire Petition* - Stop the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Learn more and sign the petition at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/ceasefire-now/>

✦ *Donate* to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

That Catholic Shop Christmas Gifts. Christmas catalogues are available at the church entrance. All proceeds support the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

Caritas Australia Global Gifts for Christmas. Make a donation to Caritas on behalf of another person. See the poster in the entrance for more details.

You're Invited

✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass.

✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega.

All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

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 Church

➤ Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.

➤ Thursday 9.15am Bega Church

➤ *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*

➤ Friday 9.15am Bega Church

4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'

➤ Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincent Ford, Les Maley, Frank Dorris

ANNIVERSARIES Mick Tygh, Pat Tregurtha, Clare Herbert

PRAYERS Hugo D'Arcy and his family
Noah Smith - operation in Sydney

Feasts Days

10th - Our Lady of Loreto. This optional memorial is indeed an Advent image of Mary. Added to the General Roman Calendar by Pope Francis in 2019.

11th - St Damasus I, Pope 305-384. 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.

13th - St Lucy, Virgin & Early Martyr. Named in Eucharistic Prayer 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.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church. Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email tribunal@cg.org.au

Wise Words:

If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.

- St John of the Cross

Christmas Mass Times 2023

4th Sunday of Advent - 24th

Bemboka 6pm **23rd** Vigil Mass

Bega 9:30am Sunday Mass

Please note there is no Mass at Tathra this day

Christmas Eve - 24th

Bega 5:30pm Carols

6:00pm Family Vigil

Bemboka 9:00pm

Christmas Day - 25th

Tathra 7:45am

Candelo 10.00am

