

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 Justice shall flourish in his time, & fullness of peace for ever.

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 - 10th/11th December 2022
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator G Berman
Readers G Green
Gifts
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sun 9:30am
Commentator Ann Haesy
Readers R Coman
Gifts
Cleaners - Dec Simon & Lorraine Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Jacinta Battista
Readers Eileen Record
Gifts
Cleaners Oakley Family
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Les Carey, Denise Miller

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill
Gifts
Counters A Woods
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers B Burton, K Rix,
B Larkin, M Rheinberger

Wise Words:
It is the beautiful act
of Advent to awaken
the memories of
good in each of us
and thus open the
doors of hope.
- Pope Benedict XVI



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 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
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 2022**
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Reconciliation—22nd June
First Communion - 18th September
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.

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

expectation



2nd Advent - Year A

4th December 2022

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*

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Repentance and the Kingdom

In each year in our three-year lectionary cycle John the Baptist appears on this Sunday in the gospel reading as the voice crying "Prepare a way for the Lord". This year we read more of John's message than in the other years, and it sounds severe, even frightening, as he talks of a coming retribution. Those thoroughly



familiar with the book of Isaiah, as first century Christians were, should recognize that the quote "A voice cries..." that is used in all four gospels belongs to a passage joyfully proclaiming to the Babylonian exiles the imminence of God's saving intervention – it does not announce a damning retribution. The lectionary itself reminds us of this context as each year the first reading chosen to accompany this account of John the Baptist is a passage of hopeful expectation, from Isaiah in years A and B, and from Baruch in year C. The Lectionary devisers chose not to use the close parallel in Malachi (3:1) that heads a negative message. That passage in Malachi is read on December 23, but with the most of the attached negative portion omitted as the

pericope jumps to the promise of Elijah's return for a ministry of reconciliation. Note also in today's gospel that until John turns on the Pharisees and Sadducees, calling them a brood of vipers, there is no hint of negativity, no suggestion that the people already seeking baptism from him are anything other than genuinely responding to his call to repentance, and there is no indication that he did not receive them gracefully. Why indeed would anyone call others to repent unless harbouring a sincere goodwill or affection toward them and a desire that they should willingly change? Prophets who radiate hostility to their audience do not attract or keep followers, and, as it is said, you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. And yet both honey and vinegar have their place if wisely applied, one soothing or luring, the other biting and cleansing. There is in John an unpretentious concern for God's people, but severe criticism for those the evangelists later identify in their gospels as pretentiously self-righteous; John's ministry is a consolation to the contrite and a castigation to the conceited. The role of the prophet may be both to give comfort to the humble and oppressed, and to speak truth unflinchingly to power.

Planned Building Maintenance: The parish over the next few years will be undertaking maintenance of the various buildings under our charge for Bega, Tathra, Candelo and Bemboka. Please pray for these projects. Thank you.



Vinnies News: ♦ *Christmas Appeal:* Envelopes available at the church entrance. All money used to support those in need in our local community. Thank you for your support.

Dear friends, as you know our first collection for sustaining the priest in this parish is in deficit for the last few years. Thus we would like to recommend to you leaving a gift in a part of your will to the first collection. There's a spiritual power to the bequest as experienced by St Teresa of Jesus. Please contact Father Adrian for more information. *Thank you for your consideration.*

For readers please pause 10 seconds in between readings for respectful silence thank you.

Christmas Penitential Rite. Fr Adrian is available for individual confessions before and after all masses during Advent (time permitting). Also on Saturdays in St Patrick's from 9:40am.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

That Catholic Shop - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com



But a Star Sings Hallelujah. Christmas family concert, Tathra Uniting Church, Sunday December 11th 2pm. Music by local musicians and the 'Tathra Singers' including the contemporary carols of Douglas Simper.

You're Invited

- ♦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 11th December
 - ♦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 18th Dec
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

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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 5.00pm 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 Ann Kok, Sr Margaret Smith, Betty Douglass, Ron Alexander

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia Tregurtha, Jack & Marie McNamara, Curtis McNamara, Rina Sheehan, Allan Hanscombe, Ann Farrell, Bob Armstrong, & November List.

PRAYERS Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).

Feast Day this week

4th - St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church, 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.

6th - St Nicholas, Bishop, 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, 340-374. Remembered as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics and through his homilies, instructions, and hymns

8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 1474-1548. An indigenous Mexican of the Aztec empire, he is revered as the father of Catholicism in Mexico & Latin America.



Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve

Bega 5:30pm Carols

6:00pm Family Vigil

Candelo 9:00pm

Christmas Day

Tathra 7:45am

Bemboka 10.00am



Modern Day Catholics

Gary Alan Sinise (born March 17, 1955) is an American actor, humanitarian, and musician.

He is a supporter of various veterans' organizations and founded the Lt. Dan Band (named after his character in Forrest Gump).

Sinise is a practicing Catholic. He converted to the faith on December 24, 2010.