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.

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

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

Bemboka Sat 6pm

G Berman Commentator Readers G Green

Gifts

Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sun 9:30am

Ann Hahesy Commentator 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

R Heffernan Commentator Readers K Jennings, M O'Neill

Gifts Counters

A Woods Music Matt Heffernan Sean McCambridge Acolvte 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 before Sunday Mass Tathra

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



2nd Advent - Year A

4th December 2022 **St.** Patrick's Parish

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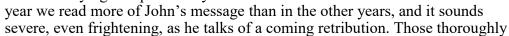
Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest. Mrs. Tanva Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500 Lumen Christi (LCCC), Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

Website: http://cg.org.au/bega/ Facebook: St Patricks Bega

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





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.

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

- Sundays - 7.45am Mass **≻**Tathra

- Sundays - 9.30am Mass **≻**Bega

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).

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 Cuauhtlatoatzin 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

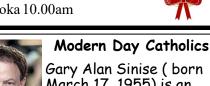
5:30pm Carols Bega

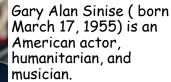
6:00pm Family Vigil

Candelo 9:00pm

Christmas Dav Tathra 7:45am

Bemboka 10.00am





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.