

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

ROSTERS - 18th/19th December 2021
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts
Cleaners Allen

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator L Thompson
Readers J Coman
Gifts
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Eileen Reckord
Readers Trish Sly
Gifts
Cleaners Carleen Maley
Audio-Visual Vicki Kennaugh
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Chris Adams

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator F & P Sorensen
Readers F & P Sorensen
Gifts
Music
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers A Tarlinton, M Twyford, M Rheinberger, B Larkin

Wise Words:
Joy, Prayer & Gratitude are three ways that prepare us to experience Christmas in and authentic way.
- Pope Francis



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 programme 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

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3rd Advent - Year C

12th December 2021

St. Patrick's Parish

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

Fr. Luke Verrell. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-3 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
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Repentance & Relationship with God

John's preaching spells out the details of the 'repentance' he proclaimed in last Sunday's gospel. His uncompromising directives to a variety of people require them to repent by changing their behaviour towards others. For some it will mean positive action such as sharing surplus goods with those who are in need; for others it will involve stopping corrupt behaviour such as extortion, over-charging, and making false accusations. This other-centred approach reflects John's own approach to ministry which he understands in terms of his relationship to the one mightier than he who 'is coming'. Knowing that in relation to Jesus he is but a servant gives him his sense of place and purpose in proclaiming the good news. Both his identity and mission are defined in relation to Jesus.

In this John stands in the company of a long line of servants who understood themselves and their mission in terms of their relationship with God. Certainly all the prophets realised that they were messengers of God, a vocation that simultaneously gave them great status and authority but also made of them servants. Their preaching and exhortation made it clear that their words were not their own ('thus says the Lord')



and that their authority came from God. Apart from God they were nothing. The same can be said of Abraham and Moses. Abraham, who became the father of a host of nation and was a mediator of blessing to all the nations of the earth nevertheless was one who faithfully and unquestioningly obeyed the commands of God. Abraham could fulfil his mission because he knew that he was the servant of God. Moses, who could withstand the mighty Pharaoh and lead a great nation, knew that he was the 'intimate friend' of God. This relationship with God was the source of his identity and mission. As it happens, this is an apt description of repentance: to order our life and to understand ourselves in terms of our relationship with God.



STAY COVID-19 SAFE

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

Christmas Choir: practice from 6pm St Pats- each Wednesday until Christmas.

 **Vinnies Christmas Appeal:** Give hope to struggling families the Christmas. Every donation made to Vinnies goes a long way to making someone's Christmas brighter and happier. More information in the foyer.

Archbishops Christmas Appeal: This will again occur at all Christmas Masses. Funds raised will again be used to support the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist Church communities in Ethiopia, Gaza, Syria Indonesia and Sri Lankans in India. Further support will be given for projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Africa and Thamarassery in India along with projects of the La Salette Martha Province, in India. Continuing assistance will be given for the Bethlehem University as well as contributing to construction of a school hall at Vanga Point within the Diocese of Gizo, PNG.

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday 26th December. Mass Times: Tathra 7:45am; Bega 9:30am. No Vigil Masses.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: This month can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi? Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

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 contact 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 Sr M Andre Guthre RSJ, Dorothy Frowde, Sr M Christina Keogh RSJ

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

- 12th - **Our Lady of Guadalupe.** The patron of all the Americas
- 13th - **St Lucy,** Virgin & Martyr, d.304. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) 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.

Penitential Service:

Tues 14th Dec 7pm second rite at St Patrick's church Bega.

Wed 15th Dec 7pm Merimbula

Wed 22nd Dec at Tathra after mass

Saturdays 9:40-10am Bega



**3rd Candle - The Candle of Joy
John the Baptist**

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same joy that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. 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

