

Entrance Antiphon Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

Responsorial Psalm Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
And his name will be called Emmanuel.

ROSTERS - 24th/25th December 2022
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sun 10am
Commentator J Guthrie
Readers M Guthrie
Gifts
Cleaners Gerry

Candelo Sat 9pm
Commentator J Coman
Readers K Dodds
Gifts
Cleaners - Dec Simon & Lorraine Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Trish Sly
Readers Gerry Collins
Gifts
Cleaners Working Together
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Mark Oakley, Trish Sly

Bega Sat 6pm
Commentator TBA
Readers TBA
Gifts Volunteer
Counters Parish Office
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Sean McCambridge
Eucharistic Ministers C Tarlinton, B Burton
K Rix, B Larkin

Wise Words: The two people who, more than anyone else, were involved in this mystery of love: Mary & her husband, Joseph. A mystery of love, the mystery of God's closeness to humanity.
- 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 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

God who draws near



4th Advent - Year A

18th 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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Characters in the Annunciation

When we think of the 'annunciation,' we normally think of Luke's version with the angel Gabriel's dramatic appearance to, and dialogue with, Mary. In Matthew's version, however, an unnamed angel speaks to Joseph in a dream. These two characters stand on center stage in the gospel story. Leaving the angel unnamed redirects the reader's attention in two ways. First, attention is turned away from the person of the angel to his mission: he is a messenger doing God's bidding. In this, he is a model of what Joseph himself should be: an obedient servant. Second, the anonymity of the angel highlights the role of Joseph. Matthew's interest in Joseph rather than Mary is directly related to the identity of Jesus: in Matthew's genealogy, Jesus is the 'son of David' whose lineage is traced through Joseph. But



there is yet another connection to the OT that the story of Joseph highlights, for Matthew presents the husband of Mary in terms that recall the story of the patriarch Joseph (Genesis 37 - 50) who receives his messages from God through dreams and who rescues his family by bringing them to Egypt - as Joseph will bring the Holy Family to Egypt to escape from the murderous wrath of Herod. Joseph is the righteous, obedient, and compassionate protector of his wife and her child.

Moving from center stage but still in the foreground are Mary and the Child. Mary's role is to be the mother of Jesus and the wife of Joseph. In Luke's gospel Mary emerges as active and engaged; but she is somewhat passive in Matthew's account due to Matthew's interest in Joseph. The significance of the Child is indicated by his two names. He is 'Emmanuel.' This is meaningful in two ways. First, it indicates who Jesus is: 'God with us.' Second, it implies that Jesus is the fulfilment of ancient prophecy (Isaiah 7:14): God, indeed, is faithful to promises. The second name indicates what Jesus will do: 'Jesus' means 'Saviour,' for 'he will save his people from their sins'.



We Welcome into our Parish Family:
Addison Valmai Joan Deenan
& Jada Olive Potter

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



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.

St Patrick's Primary News. VOLUNTEERS: Would you like to volunteer at St Patrick's School to listen to children read or help in the school canteen? It is as simple as applying for a volunteer Working With Children Check, and completing a short school based volunteer induction, and then we would welcome you with open arms!



ENROLLING NOW: Limited places for 2023 are available in year levels across the school. At St Patrick's primary school, all are welcome.

Parish Office Hours School Holiday. Open normal hours during December. Closed Public Holidays and from 1st January. Resuming normal hours 31st January. Email and phone will be regularly checked during the closure.

Australia Catholic Bishops - Advent Appeal for Ukraine. Supporting the work of Mudra Sprava, a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. Their three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages and Shelter. Donations can be made via the QR code or in an envelope via 2nd collection labelled 'ACBC Ukraine appeal'.



Message from Palms Australia: You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad. Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

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
- *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 Mick Tygh, Patricia Tregurtha, Jack & Marie McNamara, Curtis McNamara, Rina Sheehan.

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

Feast Days

21st - St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church. 1521-1597. A Jesuit priest who in his academic life enabled him to restore and strengthen Catholic belief in response to the Reformation. Remembered for his courtesy in debate and for his use of the press in promoting the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent.
23rd - St John of Kanty, Priest 1390-1473. As a priest, taught philosophy, theology, and Scripture at the university in Cracow. Urged his students to moderation in controversy. Remembered for his excellent teaching, for the austerity of his personal life, and for the generosity of his almsgiving.

Catholic Voice. Christmas Edition now available in the church entrance.

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.

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.

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 Mass Times 2022

- Christmas Eve*
 Bega 5:30pm Carols
 6:00pm Family Vigil
 Candelo 9:00pm
Christmas Day
 Tathra 7:45am
 Bemboka 10.00am

