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

Responsorial Psalm	Lord, make us turn to you;
-	let us see your face & we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclimation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; May his will for me be done. Alleluia!

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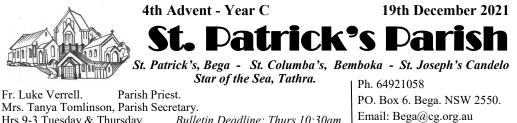
Gregory the Great

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

ROSTERS - 26th December 2021 Please arrange a swap if you are not available Bemboka Sat 6pm <i>Commentator</i> <i>Readers</i> No Sunday Vigil Service on		Sacrament of Penance/ReconciliationBegaSaturday, 9.40 - 10amBembokabefore vigil MassCandelobefore vigil MassTathrabefore Sunday Mass	
Gifts Cleaners Candelo Sun 9:30a	Christmas night	St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15— 6pm Contacts Mary 64921850 or Matt 0429 338 348.	
Commentator Readers Gifts Cleaners - Dec	Ann Hahesy R Coman Lorraine & Simon Thompson	Meditation & Contemplative PrayerMeeting 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.	
Tathra Sun 7:45ar Commentator Readers	n Carleen Maley Pat Platts		
	Mary Plevey Paul Gardiner Chris Adams, Les Carey	ROSARY Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass all are welcome.	
Bega Sun 9:30am Commentator Readers Gifts Music	Volunteer Volunteer	MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997	
Acolyte	Frank Farrell U de Morsier, C Tarlinton, B Burton, E Caragher.	<u>St Patrick's Sacramental</u> <u>programme 2021</u> Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice Confirmation—TBA	
Wise Words: The proof of love	FFFFFFFFFFFFF	<i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.	
is in the works. Where love exists, it works	Christmas is a Love Story	For Sale: Bibles - \$16; Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact	

\$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





Hrs 9-3 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

Infancy and Passion

Especially so close to Christmas, the second reading from Hebrews is jarring. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of his death. This passage begins,



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however, with two references to his birth: when Christ came into the world and 'prepared a body for me'. Why did Christ come? Why did he take on a human body? The answer: 'I am coming to obey your will'. Through obedience to the will of God, Jesus established a new covenant. Obedience is the key: the extent of obedience is demonstrated by his death on the cross. This connection between the birth of Jesus and his obedience unto death is integral to the Christmas festival. In the annunciation Mary responds to the words of Gabriel by saying, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word'. By obediently submitting to the divine word, she puts her body at the disposal of God: 'you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus'. Submission to God's will makes possible the birth that will lead to salvation. The birth of the Messiah and the death of the Saviour are inseparable.

Elizabeth's question to Mary is really a proclamation of faith: 'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?' The reference to Jesus as 'Lord' is



an Easter title, indicating that Luke is telling the initial episodes of the gospel in view of the entire story. The resurrection is not a surprise ending: it is where the story really begins and the vantage point from which the gospel is proclaimed. The story of the birth of Jesus cannot be separated from the story of his death. Christ was born for a purpose: 'I am coming to obey your will, O God'. Birth leads to death as surely as death leads to life.

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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 makings 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.

Helpers Needed for the Christmas Outdoor Masses setup and pack up.

- *Bega Mass*: setup from 2pm; pack up after Mass.
- # Tathra Mass: setup from 6:30am; pack up after Mass.
- Please contact David Grainger on 0409 430 997 to join in.

Enrich your Marriage with The Marriage Kit. An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: <u>smartloving.org/marriage-kit</u> Get 50% off with the coupon code: Advent

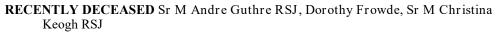
ACU course in Liturgical History. This is an online postgraduate course that allows Cross-Institutional enrolments and auditors (attendance but no assessments). This unit investigates the origins and historical development of Christian liturgy, considering key time-periods: biblical,

apostolic, early Church, medieval, the Reformation and Counter-reformation, the late-19th century flowering of liturgical study, the origins of the Liturgical Movement, the period surrounding the Second Vatican Council, and the initial and ongoing implementation of conciliar liturgical reforms. Course code:THLS602, More info visit: www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy

Sunday	Mass Times	Weekdays
▶ <u>Bemboka</u>	- Saturdays - 6pm Vigil	 ➤Tuesday 5 >Wednesday 9
≻ <u>Candelo</u>	- Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th - Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th	 Wednesday 9 Thursday 9 Hillgrove
≻ <u>Tathra</u>	- Sundays - 7.45am Mass	▶Friday 9
≽ <u>Bega</u>	- Sundays - 9.30am Mass	4:30-5:: ▶Saturday 9

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



ANNIVERSARIES Mick Tygh, 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

Days 21st - St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church, 1521-1597. A Jesuit priest who spent his time writing and teaching in universities and colleges. Remembered for his courtesy in debate and for his use of the press in promoting the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. easts 23rd - St John of Kanty, Priest, 1390-1473. Remembered for his excellent teaching, for the austerity of his personal life, and for the generosity of his almsgiving. 25th - the Nativity of the Lord. **Christmas Mass Times 2021 Penitential Service:** Christmas Eve Wed 22nd Dec at Tathra after Bega 6:30pm Carols-Flats mass Saturdays 9:40-10am Bega 7:00pm Family Vigil Candelo 6pm (Fr Rex) Christmas Dav Tathra 7:45am - Headland Bemboka 9.00am (Fr Rex) 4th Candle - The Candle of Love Bring own chair or rug for outdoor masses Mary the Mother of Jesus Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus SILENT NIGHT. HOLY NIGHT. Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem . Amen.

