

Entrance Antiphon Drop down dew from above, you heavens, & let the clouds rain down 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 Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord;
May his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

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
Commentator
Readers **No Sunday Vigil Service on Christmas night**
Gifts
Cleaners

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

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Carleen Maley
Readers Pat Platts
Gifts
Cleaners Mary Plevey
Audio-Visual Paul Gardiner
Eucharistic Ministers Chris Adams, Les Carey

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator Volunteer
Readers Volunteer
Gifts
Music
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers U de Morsier, C Tarlinton, B Burton, E Caragher.

Wise Words:
The proof of love is in the works.
Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. - St Gregory the Great



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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4th Advent - Year C

19th 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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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, 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.

STAY COVID-19 SAFE

- Mask wearing recommended
- Sign in: - QR code or sheet
- Keep social distance if possible
- Sanitise hands

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 Tamarassery 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.

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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

➤ 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 5.30pm 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

RECENTLY DECEASED Sr M Andre Guthre RSJ, Dorothy Frowde, Sr M Christina Keogh RSJ

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

Feasts 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.

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.

Penitential Service:

Wed 22nd Dec at Tathra after
mass

Saturdays 9:40-10am Bega



4th Candle - The Candle of Love

Mary the Mother of Jesus

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus 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.

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



SILENT NIGHT. HOLY NIGHT.
AL IS CALM. AL IS BRIGHT.

