

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 and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will be done.
Alleluia!

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

ROSTERS - 28th/29th December 2024
Please arrange a swap if you are not available
Christmas - Please refer to your roster.

Bemboka Sat 6pm
Commentator H Woollett
Readers G Green
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm
Commentator R Heffernan
Readers R Hopkins
Cleaners - Dec Lorraine & Simon Thompson

Tathra Sun 7:45am
Commentator Trish Sly
Readers Gerry Collins
Cleaners Marg T & Lee R
Audio-Visual Pat Platts
Eucharistic Ministers Carleen Maley, Pat Platts

Bega Sun 9:30am
Commentator M Henare
Readers Maureen Scott
Gifts Volunteer
Counters A Woods
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers K Rix

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.

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encouraged to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

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 - all are welcome.
Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass
Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass

MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays
St Patrick's Church.
Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997

St Patrick's Sacramental Programme
Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation 2025— TBA
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month
5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965
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St. Patrick's Parish

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

22nd December 2024


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Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.
Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.
Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*
Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant, Bega.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500
Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

We acknowledge the Yuin People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.

Simplicity & Humility.

As if John the Baptist dominates the early part of Advent it is Mary the mother of Jesus who comes centre stage now. In this text from Luke our attention is focused on the event upon which the mystery of God's saving will depends. Throughout the scriptures, God has sought out people with humility and courage to hear and respond to his word and through them his saving will has been made known. In this young woman from Nazareth the human response to God finds its perfect model. Luke presents Mary as the woman of faith and he gives more prominence to her than the other evangelists. By her openness to the Spirit of God she opens the way for God to come into the world and that is the way Luke presents discipleship. God will be at work in the world wherever the followers of Jesus leave themselves open to the work of his Spirit in an attitude of faith.






It's a little ironic that David should have imagined that he could do something for God. It seems that his success as king went to his head and he forgot his humble origins as a shepherd boy. In the gospel for today we see an Israelite who is fully aware of who she is before her God and it is this humility which allows her to say "yes". The promise made to David in the grandeur of his palace centuries before would now be fulfilled because an ordinary girl in ordinary surroundings has an extraordinary openness to her God. There is very little splendour and majesty in the Christmas story; it is characterised by simplicity and humility and these are the gifts we need to appreciate the power of its message. Let's pray for them with faith and fervour.

Sean Goan

St Joseph's Church Sesquicentenary



St Joseph's Church was opened by Reverend Dr. Rodger Bede Vaughan on Sunday 31st January 1875 (Visions for a Valley, p48). The Candelo community will have a celebration for the anniversary on Sunday the 16th February 2025 with a mass at 10am followed by a community gathering in the church hall. More details to follow closer to the event.



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Reed & Jagger McGann

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

Parish Email. There have been some technical issues with the Archdiocese email system. Currently not all emails are being received. Please contact the parish office or Fr Adrian directly by phone for essential matters. Thanks

Help Please: In relation to the upcoming St Joseph's Church 150th celebration, could anyone with memories, photographs or articles of the Church and the old Convent please contact Tanya or John Coman (0439262722). The information will be copied and the originals returned.

RCIA: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact Father Adrian at Adrian.chan@cg.org.au

Caritas AUSTRALIA Vanuatu Earthquake Relief. Thousands of people have been severely impacted by the earthquake in Vanuatu. Please help provide emergency shelter, food & other essentials, psychosocial support to those who are experiencing hardship: caritas.org.au/Vanuatu or phone 1800 024 413

Save the Date! Chamber Philharmonia Cologne plays Vivaldi, Bach & Sarasate. Tuesday, 21st January 2025 at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church in Bega. Advance Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXAQQ>

Parish Office Closure. The office will be open as normal on the 24th December and from 9-12 on the 31st. The office will then be closed until the 28th January. Emails will be checked periodically. Thank you.

Archbishops Christmas Appeal will take place at all Christmas Masses. It will be used to support the displaced and disadvantaged internationally & in our diocese. As well as projects in Africa, India, The Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

You're Invited - after mass

- Tathra - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
Bega - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
All Welcome. Please bring a friend.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

- Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am before vigil Mass
Bemboka before vigil Mass
Candelo before vigil Mass
Tathra before Sunday Mass

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
4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 5.00pm Bega Chapel
Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm
Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gregory Giles, Maria Townsend, John McManus

ANNIVERSARIES Mick Tygh, Rina Sheehan, Ken Lehman, Ann Farrell, Pat Trigurtha,

Feasts Days

- 23rd - St John of Kanty, Priest 1390-1473. Remembered for his excellent teaching, for the austerity of his personal life, & for the generosity of his almsgiving.
25th - The Nativity of the Lord
26th - St Stephen, The First Martyr. Died in Jerusalem about 35. Remembered for preaching with wisdom and the Spirit.
27th - St John, Apostle & Evangelist. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love
28th - The Holy Innocents. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.



Minute Meditations - Love Nourishes

When It's when we do God's work that our heart finds its true home. It's when we help feed the hunger of others, share our resources with those in need, and replace our selfishness for the selflessness modelled by Jesus that we begin to recognize the true faith we seek. It is no accident that Jesus connects God's work with faith in him. The way one best proclaims his or her faith is by good works, for actions really can speak louder than words. To think of our own nourishment and satisfaction in terms of care for others and doing God's work reshapes our understanding of the most basic Christian prayer: the Our Father. To be given our daily bread, to be nourished by the Lord, is to recognize the daily opportunities to see the needs of others and respond. - from God Is Not Fair (And Other Reasons for Gratitude) by Daniel P. Horan , OFM

Wise Words:

Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our minds to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others. - Barbara Bush

Christmas Mass Times 2024

- Monday 23rd
Bega 4:00pm Syro Malabar
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Christmas Eve
Bega 5:30pm Carols
6:00pm Family Vigil
Candelo 9pm
Christmas Day
Tathra 7:45am
Bemboka 10:00am

