

Dear Parishioners & Visitors

I thank everyone for their presence here today. Mass can be 'out of the ordinary' for everyone. I thank you for your effort to be here. Out of the ordinary is where the Shepherds were when they were asked by an angel to approach the Child Jesus in the Manger. May our presence here today be that same pilgrimage of Hope.

Let us not forget those who are unable to join us for health reasons, may they not lose hope in their isolation.

In the midst of so much suffering and chaos, let us pray that we never lose Hope. The Virtue of Hope is the knowledge that in the end God is in Charge. Let us ever more place our trust in him. Jesus I trust in you *Fr. Adrian.*

ROSTERS - 31st Dec 2022/ 1st Jan 2023
Please arrange a swap if you are not available

Bemboka Sat 6pm

Commentator G Green
Readers S Berman
Gifts
Cleaners

Candelo Sat 6pm

Commentator L Thompson
Readers J Coman
Gifts
Cleaners - Jan Kathy Wels & Family

Tathra Sun 7:45am

Commentator Pat Platts
Readers Paul Gardiner
Gifts
Cleaners Mary Plevy
Audio-Visual Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Platts, Trish Sly

Bega Sun 9:30am

Commentator V Northcott, A Woods
Readers V Northcott, A Woods
Gifts Volunteer
Counters S & W Giles
Music Matt Heffernan
Acolyte Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers E Caragher, G Tygh
A Tarlinton, F Farrell
Nursing Home D Koenigkamp, P Gardiner

Wise Words:

Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of love - 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 2023

Baptisms—During Mass, 1 month notice
Confirmation—28th May
Weddings—by appoint, 6 months notice req.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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

Silent Night, Holy Night



Christmas - Year A

25th 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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When Walking Together ... at Christmas

Despite COVID 19 still present in the community, in comparison to recent years we are able to enjoy this Christmas and New Year time in relative freedom from drastic restrictions. We can meet each other face to face and not simply on a computer screen. We can cultivate deeper friendships.



So let us focus anew on the Christmas story.

Regardless of religion or the lack of it, people are generally happy to walk together at Christmas and reflect on their lives in the light of the coming of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem.

Walking together and reflecting on this "Silent Night, Holy Night", gives us an opportunity to deepen inner silence in our chaotic lives. We can permit ourselves to be still for a moment in our change of era. A response can be made in simplicity in contrast to life's confusions.

I trust that such reflections can make us more graceful and peaceful. Hope is given. A star leads us.

Humble shepherds help us to reflect on the lost, lonely and least around us. We are given motivation to offer practical assistance.

By walking together at Christmas, we realise afresh that we are not alone. We dismiss the temptation from self-appointed ideological elites that life is merely about "my choice" and "my Rights". We start to talk also about "our responsibilities and duties" to family and society's poor and oppressed.

Walking together means that this time is not simply "the festive season". We are not reduced merely to eating and shopping. It is also "the Christmas season". It is when "God-is-with-us" (Emmanuel) in Jesus. There is joy and laughter. There is song and hope. There is transcendence and radiance.

Let us pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine. May we do all we can to make peace flourish as we walk locally under God's "Star of Wonder".

May Jesus bless and protect you all at this Christmas time!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

*Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Apostolic Administrator, Military Ordinariate of Australia*



We Welcome into our Parish Family:

Norway Carmel Shoosmith

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

Christmas Mass Collections. Two collections will be taken up at Christmas masses. First Collection: for the upkeep of Priests.

Second Collection: Split: 50% for the upkeep of the parish; 50% for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. The Archbishop's Appeal will be used to support initiatives such as the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Australia, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Thank you for your support over the last 12 months. *Blessings Tanya.*

St Patrick's Parish News: Keep up-to-date with all the latest Parish news:

- ✦ Facebook page - www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega
- ✦ subscribe to the weekly bulletin email: send your request to bega@cg.org.au ;
- ✦ check out our website - <http://cg.org.au/bega>

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Canberra Goulburn: We would like to invite the Aboriginal people from your Parish to a *Conversation on Caring for Creation/ Our Common Home*. Saturday 21st January, 10:15- 3:30. Bemboka. For more information and to RSVP: 0422 066 080. There is no charge to people attending. Thank you! Sally FitzGerald, Muruwari woman, Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese!

Vocations Dinner for single men. 1st Thurs of the Month - Holy Hour and dinner for single men who are open to the calling to the priesthood and want to explore this further. Contact Father Trenton van Reesch: cathedral@cg.org.au

You're Invited

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. 8th January
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. 29th January
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
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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

ANNIVERSARIES Mick Tygh, Michael Doig, Pam Collins

PRAYERS Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.

Feast Days

- 26th - St Stephen**, The First Martyr. Died in Jerusalem about 35. Remembered for preaching with wisdom and the Spirit, as one "full of grace and power" who "did great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8-10).
- 27th - St John**, Apostle and 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.
- 29th - St Thomas Becket**, Bishop & Martyr, 1118-1170. Remembered for the courage of his Christian convictions.

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.

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.



Modern Day Catholics

Mark Wahlberg is a business owner and actor. He married Rhea Durham. They had three children during the first seven years of their relationship, and married on August 1, 2009, at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Beverly Hills. Wahlberg is Catholic, and has described his religion as "the most important part" of his life; he often goes to Mass twice on Sundays