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What was the event that the angels announced? What was the mystery that God made known to shepherds? What was it that they saw and understood? What was revealed in the baby resting in the manger? What could be astonishing about it? What was there worth treasuring, worth pondering, and praising?

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**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.

### St Patrick's Sacramental Programme 2025

*Baptisms*—During Mass, 1 month notice  
*Confirmation* — 8th June  
*Weddings*—by appointment, 6 months notice.  
*RCIA*—Contact Fr Adrian if anyone would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or knows of someone who would like to become a Catholic.  
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### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 5.30pm Bega  
 Wednesday 9.00am Tathra,  
 Thursday 9.15am Bega  
 3rd Thurs. 3pm Hillgrove House  
 Friday 9.15am Bega  
 4:30pm Holy Hour Bega  
 Saturday 9.15am Bega  
 9:40-10:10am - reconciliation

### Sunday Mass Times

➤ Bemboka - Sat. 6pm Vigil Mass  
 ➤ Candelo - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. 6pm Vigil Mass  
 ➤ Candelo - 2nd, 4th Sun. 9.30am Liturgy  
 ➤ Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass  
 ➤ Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au))

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