

| Sunday Mass Times   ▶ Bemboka - 6pm Vigil Mass   ▶ Candelo - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat 6pm Vigil Mass   ▶ Candelo - 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun 9.30am Liturgy   ▶ Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass   ▶ Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass   Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation   Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10.10am   Bemboka before vigil Mass   Candelo before vigil Mass   Tathra before Sunday Mass | WeekdaysTuesday5.00pm BegaWednesday9.00am Tathra.Thursday9.15am Bega3rd Thurs.11.00am Hillgrove HouseFriday9.15am Bega4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'Saturday9.15am BegaROSARYTathra - 7:20am before Sunday MassBega - 9am before Sunday Massall are welcome. | St. Pat's Choir practices<br>Thursdays 5.15—6pm<br>Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or<br>Matt 0429 338 348.<br><u>Words of Wisdom:</u><br>Let us thank the Lord for having<br>given Jesus to us We bless you<br>Lord God most high, who lowered<br>yourself for our sake. You are<br>immense, and you made yourself<br>small, you are rich and you made |  |
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| Sacramental Programme 2024<br>Baptisms & Weddings - by appointment, please<br>contact the office<br>RCIA - If anyone would like to learn more   | <b>Sunday Readings Reflection Group</b><br>Is taking a break during January Resume<br>Tuesdays in Feb. at 7pm Star of the Sea<br>Tathra.  | yourself poor; you are all-powerful<br>and you made yourself vulnerable.<br>- Pope Francis   |  |
| about the Catholic Faith or would like to<br>become a Catholic, please contact Fr. Adrian<br><i>First Reconciliation</i> 26th May<br><i>First Communion</i> 25th August   | Meditation & Contemplative Prayer<br>Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the<br>annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.   |  |  |
| <i>Information night</i> 7th March 6pm, St Pats<br>Church. For more information please contact<br>the office.   | MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays<br>St Patrick's Church<br>Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997   |  |  |

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#### **ROSTERS 7th January - 4th February 2024**

| Bemboka Sat 6pm   |             |   |                  |  |  |
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| Date  | Commentator | Readers   | Cleaners         |  |  |
| 7th JanJ Guthrie14th JanG Green21st JanH Allen28th JanG Bevitt4th FebE Bevitt |             | M Guthrie<br>G Bevitt<br>E Bevitt<br>R Allen<br>G Green | Gerrey<br>Berman |  |  |
| Candelo   |             |   |                  |  |  |
| Candelo   |             |   |                  |  |  |
| Candelo<br>Date   | Commentator | Readers   | Cleaners         |  |  |

Please arrange a swap if you are not available



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners, volunteers and sponsors of Bega Parish.

I wish you all a Blessed 2024 with the Lord's choicest blessing upon your family, relations near and far. May the Lord keep all of you in good health this coming year. Safe travels to all who are on the road.

Fr. Adrian.

| Tathra Sun 7:45am                                      |  |  |   |  |   |  |
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| Date   | Commentator Readers Cleaners   |  | Cleaners  | Overhead   | Eucharistic Ministers   |  |
| 7th Jan<br>14th Jan<br>21st Jan<br>28th Jan<br>4th Feb | Pat Platts<br>Marie Oakley<br>Trish Sly<br>M Hergenhan<br>David Grainger | Paul Gardiner<br>Neil Walker<br>G Hergenhan<br>Pat Platts<br>M Hergenhan | Mary Plevey<br>Oakley Family<br>Marj Bower<br>Trish S, Val B & Marg R<br>Pat Platts | Kate D'Arcy<br>Pat Platts<br>Carleen Maley<br>Trish Sly<br>Paul Gardiner | Pat Platts, Trish Sly<br>Trish Sly, Les Carey<br>Les Carey, Denise Miller<br>Denise Miller, Mark Oakley<br>Mark Oakley, Trish Sly |  |

| Bega Sun 9:30am |                        |                            |                        |                  |  |                                 |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Date            | Commentator            | Readers                    | Counters               | Acolyte          | Eucharistic Ministers                        | Nursing Home                    |
| 7th Jan         | T Tomlinson            | J Scott-Pegum<br>M O'Neill | K Rix &<br>V Northcott | Sean McCambridge | E Caragher, C Tarlinton,<br>L Stewart, K Rix | D Koenigkamp<br>P Gardiner      |
| 14th Jan        | R Heffernan            | M Scott<br>A Twyford       | A Woods &              | David Grainer    | B Tygh                                       |                                 |
| 21st Jan        | Mel Ferris             | M Russell<br>T Tomlinson   | K Johnson & N Bateman  | Frank Farrell    | B Burton                                     |                                 |
| 28th Jan        | V Northcott<br>A Woods | V Northcott<br>A Woods     | S & W Giles            | Frank Farrell    | D Koenigkamp                                 |                                 |
| 4th Feb         | M Henare               | E Attram<br>TBA            | Tomlinson &<br>Farrell | Sean McCambridge | E Caragher, M Twyford,<br>L Stewart K Rix    | Alex Tarlinton<br>Frank Farrell |



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 31st December 2023

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual union of the Christian spouses.

- 1. him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.
- 2. went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.
- "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary 3. stood above Joseph. Nevertheless — if we except the event in the Temple — Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

**Responsorial Psalm.** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; Now he speaks to us through his Son Alleluia

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# The Epiphany of the Lord



The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord Alleluia!

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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 encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

Every marriage intends children. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise

The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it



**Communion Antiphon** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

# 7th January 2024

**Communion Antiphon** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The first reading is taken from the first Book of Samuel that gives an account of Samuel's vocation to take over the leadership of the Chosen People.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians which St. Paul makes it crystal clear that justifying fornication as part of Christian liberty is an incorrect interpretation of his preaching and that the body must be preserved from all immorality.

The Gospel is from St. John 1:35-42 and gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find

means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided instead to let men co-operate with him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow -mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

**Responsorial Psalm.** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. **Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** 

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that

quenches my thirst

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# **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jonah tells the story of Jonah's call from God to go to a pagan city and preach repentance to the sinful people there.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. St. Paul admonishes his converts to do what our Lord himself advised his follower-always to be ready for the judgment.

The Gospel is from Mark 1:14-20. Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his divine gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which

he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's mercy and love toward us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit, his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature. What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to thinking man. We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources.

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

**Responsorial Psalm.** Teach me your ways, O Lord. **Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: Believe the Good News. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon** Look towards the Lord and be radiant; Let your faces not be abashed.

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### Feast Days

<u>January</u> **1**<sup>st</sup> - Mary, Mother of God

- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Basil the Great (330-379) & St Gregory Naianzen (329 -389), friends, Bishops, Doctors. 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Most Holy Name of Jesus.
- 7<sup>th</sup> St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest. (1175-1275)
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord
- **9**<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord
- 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 315-368
- 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, Abbot. (251-356) Father of Monasticism.
- **20<sup>th</sup> -** St Fabian, Pope & Martyr, died 250
- **21<sup>st</sup>** St Agnes. Early Roman Martyr.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> St Vincent, Deacon. First Martyr of Spain.

26<sup>th</sup> - Australia Day. A day of prayers for Australia. 27th - St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops. Disciples & associates of St Paul.

24<sup>th</sup> - St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor. (1567-1622)

25<sup>th</sup> - Conversion of St Paul. The turning point of Paul's life.

- 27<sup>th</sup> St Angela Merici, Virgin, 1474-1540, meeting the needs of women
- 28<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor. (1225-1274) 31<sup>st</sup> - St John Bosco, Priest (1815-1888). Worked in youth education.

- $\frac{February}{2^{nd}}$  Presentation of the Lord.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Ansgar, Bishop, 801-865, opposed slavery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, 4th Century

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel from St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about. We look back today through the eves of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man-two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.

**Responsorial Psalm.** If today you hear his voice Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

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### **Parish Notices**

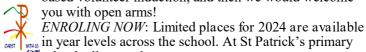
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Very big thank you to all who contributed.

Archbishops Christmas Appeal: Over \$1000 has been collected so far. Donations are still being accepted in a marked envelope placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. Thanks for your generosity

Lenten Programme. This year Ash Wednesday 🛛 💭 falls on 14th February. If you would like to purchase 'PIETA' -daily Lenten reflections produced by the Diocese of Wollongong please complete the eform through the link below by 24th January. Cost is \$10. https://forms.gle/LDqa1RL5QbW38XiFA

Parish Office Hours January. The Office will be closed for January. Normal Hours will resume Tuesday 30th January. The phone and email will be regularly checked. Thank you for

St Patrick's Primary News. VOLUNTEERS: Would you like to volunteer at St Patrick's School to listen to children read or help in the school canteen? It is as simple as applying for a volunteer Working With Children Check, and completing a short school based volunteer induction, and then we would welcome



support over the last 12 months. Tanya.

in year levels across the school. At St Patrick's primary school, all are welcome.

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

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•subscribe to the weekly bulletin email: send your request to bega@cg.org.au;

#### +check out our website - http://cg.org.au/bega

Vinnies Store. The Bega Vinnies stores is planning to reopen on Monday 22nd January. They would like to thank everyone for their patience during this period.





### 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Frank Elton, Alan Hart, Vincent Ford, Les Maley

ANNIVERSARIES Mick Tygh, Michael Doig, Pam Collins, John Verrell, Eric & Carrie Turnbull, John Beatty, Kevin Wilds

Sacramental Programme Enrolment: To participate in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, children in year 3 and above need to be enrolled. It is as simple as completing the eform via the QR code. Key dates are on the back page. Thanks.



Tribunal of the Catholic Church: Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au

