

Entrance Antiphon. The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First Reading Acts 2:15, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

Communion Antiphon The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his
sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

Spiritual Communion Prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that You are
present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I
desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I Embrace You as if You were
already here, and unite myself
wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated
from You.

Amen

Preparing for Spiritual Communion.

1 - Prepare your heart for and encounter with Jesus

Create a space where you will be able
to pray quietly. Focus on an image of
Jesus and light a candle before Him.
Make the Sign of the Cross.

2 - Read or listen the Mass Readings

3 - Recite the Prayer

4 - Silence

Remain in silence for some moments,
with Jesus in your heart. Allow him
to love you and to nourish your soul.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes - can be left at the office or in
the presbytery mail box.

Electronic

1st Collection - BSB: 062-786 - Acc No:
29248 - Central Presbytery Fund -
Reference: Bega Parish.

2nd Collection - BSB 062-786 - Acc No:
13879 - St Patrick's Bega - Reference:
envelope number or 2nd collection.

Wise Words:

A good vocation is
simply a firm &
constant will to serve
God in the way &
places Almighty God
has called you.

- St Francis de Sales

For Sale:

Bibles - \$16
Sunday Missal -
\$32
Children's Mass
Book - \$10.

Please contact
the office.



4th Easter - Year A

3rd May 2020

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.

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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.
Based on the Gospel reading where Christ calls
himself the Gate- 'anyone who enters through me
will be safe'.

Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we traditionally
focus on vocations. Just recently I was reading
through the History of the Bega Parish (Visions for a Valley 1829- 1985) and I
came across a list of all the religious and priestly vocations from the valley (too
many to mention here). It is beautiful that our Church is fruitful in vocations. We
need to pray that God may send many more workers to the Vineyard.

My own vocation was encouraged by many words from people who suggested I
should think about being a priest. I believe it is important that we encourage the
young to think about a vocation. Two good resources in this area is the website
diocesanpriest.com.au and our Vocations Director Fr. Paul Nulley,
paul.nulley@cg.org.au

This Sunday at 2pm we will have the 2020 Marian Procession with an online
Zoom Hookup,

Please join us at the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967206535?
pwd=MXhidDc3VjRvWmEvOEVGITZ3eGQ1QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967206535?pwd=MXhidDc3VjRvWmEvOEVGITZ3eGQ1QT09)

Meeting ID: 889 6720 6535 Password: 029270

Focus: Healing from the Fires and Coronavirus

-Opening song

-Exposition

-Rosary (1 Decade per Parish)

-Message from the Archbishop

-Concluding song

-Benediction

Peace, Fr. Luke



During the COVID19 closure administration of the Sacraments is still available in emergencies. Please contact Fr Luke directly.

Car Park Confession are available EVERY SUNDAY 11am – 11:30am. Please use either option 1 (Drive Through) or Option 2 (park and stand).



Vinnies News: from the 1st May St Vincent de Paul will be running a COVID-19 crisis appeal to assist the society with their work to help the poor and needy in our society. This will replace the winter appeal. To donate please visit www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or phone 13 18 12. Our local conference still offers assistance via phone meetings.

Project Compassion 2020 & COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. Supporting communities already vulnerable to poverty, disease and malnutrition. More information at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>

Through this appeal, we can expand our capacity to assist communities at serious risk of infection and to help contain the spread of the virus. Thank you again for your continued support, now more than ever, we can Go Further, Together. - Caritas Australia

Ways to Donate: ♦ *Direct Deposit:* Name: Caritas Australia, BSB: 062786, Acc no: 000012830, Reference: PC20 'Your Name' Bega ♦ *Online:* <http://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> ♦ *Return to the parish office* to be forwarded to Caritas.

Pope Francis – Message for 2020 World Day of Vocations

'Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us, and save us.'

'The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice - like marriage or special consecration to his service - calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear".'

'Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations.'

Sunday Mass Times

~~Cancelled until further notice~~

- Whaka - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- Candelo - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am Mass 2nd, 4th
- Tathra - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- Bega - Sundays - 9.30am Mass

Weekdays

~~Cancelled until further notice~~

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra, 5.30pm Bega.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega
- 3rd Thurs. 11.00am Hillgrove
- Friday 9.15am Bega
- 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega

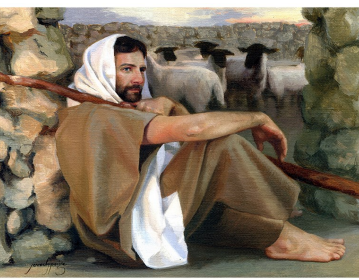
RECENTLY DECEASED Irene Adams, Allan Cresswell, Edna Irene Howard, Mary Roberson, Nola Sutherland, Sr Leonie McGuire RSJ

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman

3rd - Sts Philip & James, Apostles
 Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord. According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus. Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

The Good Shepherd FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Perhaps more than in the other gospels, the glory of the risen Christ shines throughout the entire Gospel of John. This reminds us that the gospels are not 'on the scene' reports of Jesus' life. The gospels were written forty to seventy years after his resurrection. This means that the Evangelists wrote their gospels from the conviction that the risen Jesus is present to them and their communities. More than simply recording the past words and deeds of Jesus, the Evangelists write prophetically: through them, the voice of Jesus addresses Christians in the last third of the first century. It is possible, then, to see in the gospels clues that inform us about the community for which the Evangelist is writing and which Jesus is addressing.



John's community is coping with 'strangers' and 'thieves and robbers' who 'steal and slaughter and destroy'. These words are addressed to the Pharisees who 'did not realise what [Jesus] was trying to tell them'. In the story immediately before this 'Good Shepherd' narrative, the Pharisees behaved in exactly the way Jesus here criticises. In chapter 9 the Pharisees harassed and tried the man born blind and expelled him from the synagogue (Lent 4). As religious leaders they

should have cared for the weak and led them to fuller life (see responsorial psalm). Their failure to hold the flock of God together and, indeed, their scattering the flock reveals them as enemies of the flock. Though they quoted Moses to the blind man, he did not recognise their voice as authentically teaching as Moses taught, for Moses had witnessed to Jesus. As religious teachers, the Pharisees should have recognised Jesus; instead, they 'agreed that if anyone acknowledged [Jesus] as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue'. By contrast, Jesus sought out the blind man and brought him to fuller life.

The Evangelist, then, is addressing his own community; through him Jesus speaks to believers in every age. The Evangelist reveals Jesus as the true Shepherd and the gate that leads to life.