

**Entrance Antiphon.** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

*First Reading* Acts 6:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Second Reading* Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

*Gospel* John 14:1-12

**Communion Antiphon** I am the true vine & you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Wise Words:

Simply believing in the  
existence of God is not  
exactly what I would  
call a commitment.  
After all, even the devil  
believes that God  
exists! Believing has to  
change the way we live.  
- Mother Angelica

### For Sale:

Bibles - \$16

Sunday  
Missal - \$32

Children's  
Mass Book -  
\$10.

Please contact  
the office.



5th Easter - Year A

10th May 2020

# St. Patrick's Parish

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Star of the Sea, Tathra.

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### Jesus as 'Torah': Way, Truth & Life

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Throughout his gospel John demonstrates that Jesus fulfils and  
surpasses the key institutions, feasts, and teachings of Judaism. In this  
Sunday's gospel Jesus claims to be 'the way, the truth, and the life.' These  
attributes are used in Scripture to describe the Torah ('Law'; God's word). Psalm  
119, the longest of the psalms, is a profound reflection on the Torah. While other  
passages in the Old Testament refer to the Torah as either the way, truth, or life,  
these comments will be limited to Psalm 119 (NRSV).

*Torah as Way* - To 'walk in the law [Torah] of the Lord' is to 'walk in his ways'.  
Torah is referred to as 'the way of . . . your decrees'; '. . . your precepts'; '. . . your  
commands'; and '. . . your laws'. 'Way' is a metaphor for Torah; to walk in 'the  
way' is to live a life of Torah.

*Torah as Truth* - The Torah is 'the word of truth': 'your law [Torah] is truth'. In  
John 17:17 Jesus, praying to God, says, 'your word is truth.' Because Jesus is the  
Word, he is, indeed, truth.

*Torah as Life* - Psalm 119:50 is explicit: God's promise (= word) 'gives me life'.  
'By [your precepts] you give me life'. In John 11:25, Jesus claims to be the  
'resurrection and the life' (Lent 5).



Thus, in Scripture 'way,' 'truth,' and  
'life' are closely associated with Torah.  
This perspective persisted in early  
Jewish works, e.g., the Targum Pseudo  
-Jonathan teaches: 'To serve the Torah  
is better than [to eat of] the fruit of the  
tree of life; the Torah, which the Word  
of the Lord prepared, that man in  
keeping it might continue, and walk in  
the paths of the way of life in the world  
to come.' Note the equation of Torah  
and Word, and the 'way' which is 'life.'

Thus, when Jesus claims to be 'the way, the truth, and the life,' he is saying that  
he embodies the Torah. Jesus is the Torah in human form.

**IMPORTANT!** - across Australia flu vaccinations have become mandatory for any person entering Aged Care Facilities. Homes are required to provide free vaccines to volunteers. Proof of vaccination is required. Please visit [www.health.gov.au/](http://www.health.gov.au/) for more info- 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).

**St Patrick's School 150th Anniversary** - Memorabilia is still available. Bags \$10; Tea towels \$7. Please contact the Parish Office.



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

**Good Shepherd Collection:** Each year the Archdiocese takes up a collection on Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter) to support our Seminarians. The CDF is offering a method to donate with a credit card. Use the link below and chose 'Good Shepherd' from the drop down menu. Marked envelopes can also be left at the parish office. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>

**The CatholicCare (Bega)** provides Family & Relationship Counselling Service and Conflict Resolution and Family Therapy for Adolescent and Their Families for the local community. Those who are interested to know more about their service, brochure are available in front of the church or contact 1800 068 698

#### Sunday Mass Times

- ✖ **Cancelled until further notice**
- **Wahroonga** - 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

- **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** Fr Peter Morrissay, Irene Adams, Allan Cresswell, Edna Irene Howard

**ANNIVERSARIES** Paul Coman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Noel Adams - near death

**Feast Days this Week**

**12<sup>th</sup> - Sts Nereus & Achilleus**, Martyrs died 304. Known as the martyrs of the Ardeatine Way. Remembered as soldiers who became Christians and then out of conscience refused further military service.

**12<sup>th</sup> - St Pancras**, Martyr. Died 304. By tradition a teenager. Buried on this day in the cemetery of Octavilla. Widely venerated in Rome and elsewhere.

**13<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Fatima**. This cult of the Virgin Mary is significant for its call to conversion, the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the recitation of the rosary, and prayer for world peace.

**14<sup>th</sup> - St Matthias**, Apostle. A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve He is named in Eucharistic Prayer I.



**Your Invited!** Please consider taking part in two webinars about *Laudato Si*, the encyclical *On Our Common Home*, a key focus in the Pope's personal Christian ministry across the world, and what it means for us all.

The webinars will be at 6-7 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May to help mark the Vatican's *Laudato Si* week. World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what *Laudato Si* is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday.

Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South, the webinars *On Our Common Home* reach out particularly to towns and parishes affected by drought and bushfires, as well as those in Canberra. Please let other parishioners know.

Express interest/RSVPs + Email [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) OR ) Phone/Text 0428 625 110

**Tribunal of the Catholic Church:** Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au). All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

