

Entrance Antiphon. Proclaim a joyful sound & let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

Communion Antiphon If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, & I will ask the Father & he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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

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:

In a world filled with change, the stability of God is comforting. When faced with unexpected challenges, we can always take refuge in him.
- Gary Zimak

For Sale:

Bibles - \$16
Sunday Missal - \$32
Children's Mass Book - \$10.
Please contact the office.



6th Easter - Year A 17th 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.
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Dear Parishioners,

This Friday sees some restrictions relaxed around gatherings. Happily, we will be able to make some changes this week to our Church and Masses. As of Friday 15th May the protocols below are allowed:

1. Churches may now be open but will be restricted to no more than 10 people in the building at any time.
2. Mass may be celebrated for no more than 10 people, excluding those conducting the service.
3. Funerals celebrated inside the church building are restricted to 20 people, excluding those conducting the service.
4. Funerals celebrated outside the church building are restricted to 30 people, excluding those conducting the service.
5. Weddings may now be celebrated with 10 people, excluding those conducting the ceremony.



These gatherings are permitted with the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres. No physical sign of peace is permitted and the current protocols for Holy Communion remain in place.

What this means for us, is that the Churches will be unlocked during the day (Bega & Tathra Churches) for personal prayer. I have made the decision to **not** open churches for Weekend Masses as the limit of 10 people is too small to avoid creating problems. But I will also have daily Mass throughout the week.

This week's Mass timetable:

- Tuesday 19th May Bega Church 5:30pm. – Limit 10 worshippers
- Wednesday 20th May Tathra Church 9:30am – Limit 10 worshippers
- Thursday 21st May Candelo Church 5pm – Limit 10 worshippers
- Friday 22nd May Bemboka Church 5:30pm – Limit 10 worshippers
- Saturday 23rd May Bega Church 9:15am – Limit 10 worshippers

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These are unprecedented times- because of the cooperation of everyone we have been able to avoid the very worst of Covid.

Thank you to all who have been giving me messages of support- it has been very encouraging for me.
Peace, Fr. Luke

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/ 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 or phone 13 18 12. Our local conference still offers assistance via phone meetings.

Project Compassion 2020 Please return boxes and envelopes to the office by Tuesday 26th 10am. Donations can still be made to Caritas by visiting <http://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/> or <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal>



Lumen Christi Catholic College enrolments now open: places are filling quickly & enrolments will close Friday 17July. To enrol, please follow the links on the College website <https://lumen.nsw.edu.au/>

Due to COVID 19 and social distancing requirements, the **College Open Day will not go ahead this year.** For further details regarding enrolments, please contact the College on 64958888.

Desert Creek House Workshop. Fri. 22 - Sun. 24 May: True Wealth - what is the next step after the fires and covid-19? At Desert Creek House, from Fri. 5pm to Sun. 9am. Facilitator: Yves de Morsier. For more information ph 02 6492 8498 or www.desertcreekhouse.com.au

SUNDAY MASS STREAMS CONTINUE - YouTube: 'Bega Parish Stream' or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ
Stay up to date with the latest developments - Website: <http://cg.org.au/bega> & Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksbega/>

Sunday Mass Times

- ~~Bemboka~~ - 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 - Limit 10 worshipers

- Tuesday 5.30pm Bega
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra
- Thursday 5.00pm Candelo
- Hillgrove House on hold till further notice.
- Friday 5:30pm Bemboka
- 4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega

RECENTLY DECEASED Ruth Glover, Noel Adams, Sr Mary Agnes OCDM, Fr Peter Morrissay, Irene Adams, Allan Cresswell, Edna Irene Howard

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Coman

18th - St John I, Pope & Martyr. 470-526. Remembered as a conciliator and peacemaker, the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople. Imprisoned by Theodoric, ruler of Italy and an Arian, for excessive sympathy toward the Church of the East.

Feast Days this Week
20th - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest. 1380-1444. Remembered as a preacher, as a promoter of devotion to the Name of Jesus & for his efforts toward reunion of the Eastern & Western Churches at the Council of Florence.

21st - St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & companions, Martyrs. 1869-1927. Remembered for their courageous faith, for forgiving their executioners, and for their final cry, Viva Christo Rey!

22nd - St Rita of Cascia, Religious. 1381-1457. Remembered for her life of penance and her suffering in union with Christ crucified.

Orphans & Children

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus begins talking about his imminent departure: 'In a short time the world will no longer see me'. In the gospel narrative Jesus is talking about his approaching death. But on this Sunday before ascension, we hear it as a reference to his ascension. In either case Jesus will soon be gone. He uses the image of 'orphans' to describe the fear his disciples have at being abandoned. To be an orphan was a dreaded fate for people throughout the Mediterranean world. Orphans, along with widows and the poor, are among the most vulnerable and easily exploited people in society. Without the legal protections and social services that contemporary society provides, children without parents or male protectors easily fall into slavery or are left to fend for themselves. Insecurity, homelessness, hunger, oppression, and fear characterise the life of those



who are left on their own. With Jesus preparing to leave the world, the disciples would feel like orphans. As adult men they would not be subject to the same dangers that children would be, but the image succeeds in describing in emotional terms what the departure of Jesus signifies. There is also evidence from the ancient world that the term 'orphan' referred to disciples without their masters - an apt term in these circumstances.

The reality, however, is that the disciples are not orphaned. First of all, as those who accepted Jesus, they became 'children of God'. Earlier in the course of the Last Supper Jesus was again talking of his departure: 'Little children,' he says to them, 'I am with you only a little longer'. Their status as children of God explains the familial imagery in this Sunday's gospel passage: God is 'Father' both to Jesus, and to the disciples: 'whoever loves me will be loved by my Father'. Though Jesus is departing, disciples still have God as their Father; moreover, the Spirit of Truth 'will be in you'. Disciples of Jesus are never orphans. They are children of God, who are loved by their 'Father.'