

**ANNIVERSARIES** Tom Rix, Denise Mary Mulligan

**PRAYERS** Anne Smith & her children Henry & Malory (Sue Gardiner's Daughter).  
Jenny Ryan and June O'Farrell - Ill health.  
Hugo D'Arcy and his family Noel James

**ROSTERS - 22nd/23rd April 2023**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Guthrie
<i>Readers</i>	M Guthrie
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Allen

<b>Candelo Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	R Heffernan
<i>Readers</i>	K Dodds
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - April</i>	Sharon & Michael Heffernan

<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Marie Oakley
<i>Readers</i>	Michael Hergenhan
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	D'Arcy Family
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Trish Sly
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jacinta Battista, Trish Sly

<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	T Tomlinson
<i>Readers</i>	M O'Neill
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	Col & Kath Murphy
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	David Grainger
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	L Stewart, M Twyford A Tarlinton, B Tygh

**ROSTERS - 29th/30th April 2023**

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	E Bevitt
<i>Readers</i>	H Allen
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

<b>Candelo Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	R Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - April</i>	Sharon & Michael Heffernan

<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Readers</i>	Raewyn Galton
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Gerry & Sue Collins
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Pat Platts
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Trish Sly, Eileen Reckord

<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Family Mass
<i>Readers</i>	Family Mass
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	K Rix & N Northcott
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	C Tarlinton, B Larkin, D Koenigkamp, D Grainger

**Sunday Mass Times**

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

**Weekdays**

- Tuesday 4pm Bega Church
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Church
- Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 11am
- Friday 9.15am Bega Church  
4:30-5:30pm Bega 'Holy Hour of Mercy'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**

<u>Bega</u>	Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
<u>Bemboka</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Candelo</u>	before vigil Mass
<u>Tathra</u>	before Sunday Mass

**ROSARY**

**Tathra** - 7:20am before Sunday Mass  
**Bega** - 9am before Sunday Mass



**2nd & 3rd Easter - Year A**

**16th to 23rd April 2023**

# St. Patrick's Parish

*St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo  
Star of the Sea, Tathra.*

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday *Bulletin Deadline: Thurs 10:30am*

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## Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land and Project Compassion.

Envelopes and boxes can still be returned to the Parish Office until the 7th May.  
Thank You

**Parish Office School Holiday Hours.** The office will be closed 18th, 20th and 25th April. Re-opening as normal Thursday 27th. Thanks.

## Koru Lian Timor Choir Concerts.

☀ Sat 29th April, 3-5pm. Jigamy Farm with Pambula's *Spirit Allegro*. Tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/koru-lian-timor-with-spirit-allegro>

☀ Sun 30th April, 3-5pm Bega Uniting Church with the *Bega Valley Male Voice Choir*. Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/koru-lian-timor-with-bega-valley-male-voice-choir>

Prices: adult-\$25; concessions-\$20; youth-\$10; under 12 free.

☀ Wed 3rd May, 9:30am reception and flag raising for Timor-Leste independence, Little Gardens Bega.

☀ Thurs 4th May, 5:30pm at 4 Winds Windsong

Pavilion, Barraga Bay. Tickets: [https://](https://fourwinds.com.au/whats-on/)

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**First Collection Update.** Thank you for your generosity. As of the end of March the parish contribution to the 1st Collection is \$8 500, an increase of \$3 500 for the same period in 2022.  
*Fr Adrian.*

**Please Note:** The April family mass has been moved to Sunday 30th. This will also be the Confirmation enrolment mass. Everyone is Welcome.

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## You're Invited

☿ *Tathra* - Breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass. All Welcome

☿ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month after Mass Bega. Next: April 30th.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Parent information night:  
Thursday 27th April, 6pm  
St Patrick's Church

Enrolment Mass:  
Sunday 30th April, 9:30am  
St Patrick's Church

Retreat Day:  
Wednesday 10th May, 9am-3pm, St Patrick's Church

Confirmation Mass:  
Sunday 28th May, 9:30am  
St Patricks Church

Youth Group:  
Thursday 1st June, 3:15pm  
St Patricks Church

For Enrolment please visit our website:

<http://cg.org.au/bega>



**Wise Words:** If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge. You know that the foundation of the world is love. - Pope Benedict XVI

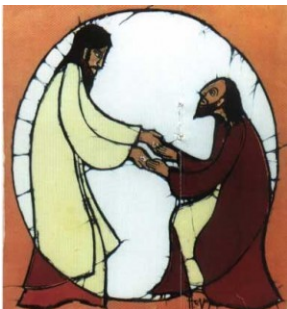
## Unbelieving Thomas.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



The gospel story is usually called the story of 'doubting Thomas.' Indeed, this characterisation of Thomas effects the translation of verse 27: 'Do not doubt, but believe' (NRSV). Read in this way, the story describes Thomas' movement from doubt to faith and leads us to set up doubt and belief as opposites. This creates two problems. First, doubt is not the opposite of faith and one does not preclude the other. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew the disciples meet the risen Jesus in Galilee just before his ascension. Matthew says of the disciples, 'When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted'. Apparently, they believed enough to worship Jesus, but some doubts persist. Doubt and faith can co-exist.

The second problem with the traditional reading is this: it misrepresents the theology of the Evangelist. Jesus responds to Thomas' assertion, 'I will not believe' by chiding him, 'do not be unbelieving, but believe'. In other words, the issue is not that Thomas doubted, but that he did not believe. The story, then, recounts a remarkable transformation from unbelieving to believing. This happens when Thomas 'sees' the risen Jesus.



But now that Jesus has ascended, the opportunity to see Jesus or the signs he performed is no longer possible. Therefore, the Evangelist hopes that the signs he carefully reports in his gospel will help readers 'come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God'. In other words, the belief he hopes to inspire will be based on people reading his words, not on seeing signs. This is reinforced by the words of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed'. According to the Evangelist, readers 'who have not seen' cannot be like Thomas who saw Jesus; but they (and we!) can be like Thomas by believing. Though the way in which people come to believe may be different, the belief is the same: Jesus is 'Lord and . . . God.' And the goal of believing is the same: 'life in his name.'



*We Welcome into our Parish Family:*

*Harrison James Ellicott*

*Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

**Feast Days** 21<sup>st</sup> - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1033-1109. Remembered for his theological learning & writings and for organising Church life in England.

**Entrance Antiphon** Like Newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclimation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
And do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## Scripture & Eucharist Reveal Christ

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Last Sunday's gospel ended with the Evangelist affirming that people can come to believe in the risen Christ by reading about his deeds 'written in this book'. This Sunday's gospel story from Luke confirms the importance of the written word found in 'Moses . . . all the prophets . . . and all the scriptures'; according to Luke, the Scriptures reveal Jesus. Luke makes his point dramatically.



The disciples began their journey to Emmaus feeling 'downcast.' Though the risen Jesus approaches and walks with them, 'their eyes were prevented from recognising him'. Though they engage in discussion with their unrecognised traveling Companion, they still don't catch on. But when Jesus begins explaining 'Moses and all the prophets,' then their 'hearts [were] burning within' them. The expression 'Moses and the prophets' is short hand for revealed Scripture. It also hearkens back to the transfiguration when Moses and Elijah (the great prophet) appeared with Jesus conversing with him about 'his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem'. In other words, Moses and Elijah spoke with him concerning his approaching death and resurrection; now on the road, Jesus uses Moses and the prophets to explain to the disciples his exodus that he had in fact accomplished.

Because they did not understand the Scriptures, the two disciples were disconsolate and had abandoned hope 'that [Jesus] would be the one to redeem Israel'. In explaining to them the Scriptures, Jesus revived their hope and deepened their understanding. The two disciples thus stand in contrast to the two aged prophets, Simeon and Anna, who met the Holy Family when Jesus was presented in the Temple. As heralds of God's word, these prophets recognised in Jesus 'the consolation of Israel' and 'the redemption of Jerusalem'. Hearing the Scripture explained prepared the disciples for the revelation yet to come. As they share table fellowship with Jesus, 'their eyes were opened and they recognised' Jesus' in the breaking of bread'. Luke's point: after the resurrection (and ascension), believers can encounter Jesus in Scripture and in the Eucharist.

**Feast Days this Week**

23<sup>rd</sup> - St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr, 956-997 & St George, Martyr, died 303  
24<sup>th</sup> - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr, 1578-1622.  
25<sup>th</sup> - ANZAC Day  
26<sup>th</sup> - St Mark, Evangelist  
27<sup>th</sup> - St Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
28<sup>th</sup> - St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, 1803-1841.  
29<sup>th</sup> - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, 1347-1380.

**Entrance Antiphon** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** Lord, you will show us the path of life

**Gospel Acclimation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us.  
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus  
In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.