

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Noel James, Marina Smith, Barry Rowles  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Maria Rixon, Margaret Chiha-Rixon, Tom Rix  
**PRAYERS** Hugo D'Arcy and his family

### ROSTERS - 6th/7th May 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Green
<i>Readers</i>	R Allen
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	

<b>Candelo Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	L Thompson
<i>Readers</i>	Ann Haahes
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - May</i>	Roxanne Hopkins

<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta Battista
<i>Readers</i>	Neil Walker
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Megan Hergenhan
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Eileen Reckord, M Hergenhan

<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	M Henare
<i>Readers</i>	M Russell, T Tomlinson
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	A Woods
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sean McCambridge
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	B Larkin, A Tarlinton B Burton, F Farrell

### ROSTERS - 13th/14th May 2023

Please arrange a swap if you are not available

<b>Bemboka Sat 6pm</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	G Berman
<i>Readers</i>	S Berman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	Gerrey

<b>Candelo Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	J Coman
<i>Readers</i>	R Coman
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners - May</i>	Roxanne Hopkins

<b>Tathra Sun 7:45am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	Claire Walker
<i>Readers</i>	Carleen Maley
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Cleaners</i>	B O'Brien, S & P Gardiner
<i>Audio-Visual</i>	Paul Gardiner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M Hergenhan, Carleen Maley

<b>Bega Sun 9:30am</b>	
<i>Commentator</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Readers</i>	V Northcott, A Woods
<i>Gifts</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	K Johnson, N Bateman
<i>Music</i>	Matt Heffernan & Choir
<i>Acolyte</i>	Frank Farrell
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	E Caragher, K Rix, M Twyford, B Tygh

### 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

- Bega Saturday, 9.40 - 10am
- Bemboka before vigil Mass
- Candelo before vigil Mass
- Tathra before Sunday Mass

### ROSARY

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



### Wise Words:

Be Joyful.  
 Keep the faith.  
 Do the little things.  
 - St David



4th & 5th Easter - Year A

30<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May 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 Shepherd Sunday.** Collection for Formation of our Seminarians: on the 30th April we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous donation today or begin a monthly donation to support the education of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line at [bit.ly/goodshepherd2023](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2023)

**Cobargo Marian procession - 7 May 2.30pm.** Afternoon tea to follow. Please bring a plate.

**Planned Maintenance Update.** The parish council has prioritised the first ten items that require maintenance and submitted them to the archdiocese project management for costs estimating

**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 Hours.** The office will be closed 2nd and 4th May. Re-opening as normal Tues 9th. Thanks.

**Koru Lian Timor Choir Concerts.** 29th April to 4th May. Details on our website

**The Catholic Women's Taskforce** invites all women of faith to join us for morning tea on Sat 6 May (or Zoom on evening of 8 May). **please register your interest in person or for Zoom at:**  
[www.cgwomen.com.au](http://www.cgwomen.com.au)

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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](http://http://cg.org.au/bega)



## 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 (9:24-34/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.

**Feast Days this Week**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May - St Joseph the Worker.** On this day many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - St Athanasius,** Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 295-373. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - St Philip and St James,** Apostles

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

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

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

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

## Jesus as 'Torah': Way, Truth and 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 OT refer to the Torah as either the way, truth, or life, these comments will be limited to Psalm 119.

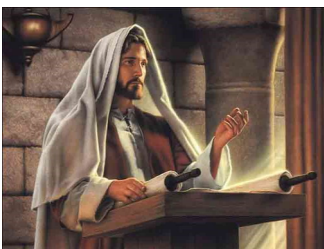
*Torah as Way* - To 'walk in the law [Torah] of the Lord' is to 'walk in his ways'. Torah is referred to as 'the way of . . . your decrees'; '. . . your precepts'; '. . . your commands'; and '. . . your laws'. 'Way' is a metaphor for Torah; to walk in 'the way' is to live a life of Torah.

*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.



**Feast Days this Week**  
**10<sup>th</sup> - St John de Avila,** priest, doctor, 1499-1569. Remembered for his missionary work, spiritual letters and his reform of clerical life.  
**12<sup>th</sup> - St Pancras,** Martyr. Martyred 304 under the emperor Diocletian.  
**12<sup>th</sup> - St Nereus & St Achilleus,** Martyrs 304. Known as the martyrs of the Ardeatine Way.  
**13<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Fatima**

**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.

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

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

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