



Helen & Ian Brown

**Happy 50th
Wedding Anniversary 27th March.**

TAP & GO

The Tap and Go machine in the foyer is now available for parishioners convenience.

The machine is set at \$5.00



STAFF WELCOME & FAREWELL

Welcome to our new Secretary, Mrs Vickie Moore and a farewell to Mrs Pat Anderson.



Saturday 10th April and Sunday 11th April. Everyone welcome & Please bring a plate.



Congratulations to Yr 3 First Reconciliation Candidates 2021

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2021

27 March vigil mass **6pm** Saturday Moruya

28 March - Palm Sunday

Sunday mass – 8am (Tuross), 10am (Moruya)

At each mass there will be a procession with palms from the Presbytery to the Church;

Passion Reading

29 March – Monday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass – The Cathedral 5pm

30 March – Tuesday of Holy Week

2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Liturgy Followed by

Paschal Meal 5.30pm

31 March – Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass Moruya 9.15am

1 April – Holy Thursday

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper

Followed by An hour of Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Please return Project Compassion envelopes and boxes (collected at Offertory time).

Ceremony of Commissioning

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

2 April – Good Friday

Solemn Stations of the Cross 10am

The celebration of the Passion of the Lord Moruya 3pm

Day of obligation, fasting and abstinence

3 April – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil of the most holy night, Moruya 7pm

4 April – Easter Sunday

2nd Rite of Reconciliation TUESDAY 30th March 5.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation and liturgy with individual confession. Guest priests will be Fr John Walter, and Fr. Martins Aloga. This is in preparation for the entire paschal triduum therefore there will be no confessions until after Easter Sunday. **PASCHAL MEAL** to follow. All welcome, just join in this community gathering and celebration of the paschal remembrance. **PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS NOW 9am —2pm**

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath msfs

Secretary: Mrs Pat Anderson & Mrs Vickie Moore

Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 9am—2pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600

Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

Devotions: Daily Rosary before mass. Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

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March 27 & 28 2021

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY)

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in highest heavens'.

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our actual lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in or healing, reconciliation and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "Kali Anastasi" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us ore completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death.,



Fr. George Azhakath

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem (Gospel read at the procession)

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, I sight of Bethphage and Bethany close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly." They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?'. They gave the answer Jesus, had told them, and, the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mk 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

(The passion narration is read by 4 people.)

Entrance Antiphon: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!"

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

WORD AND LIFE this week...

1. **Does Jesus weep over us?** There is a Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." Let us get ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father, through the sacrament of reconciliation during this last week of Lent, and participate fully in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

2. **Are we barren fig trees?** The new Israel must always be ready to bear fruit out of season. That is its vocation! The Church is supposed to be the Church for all seasons. God expects us to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Let us discover whether we are fruit-bearing fig trees, barren trees or useless trees producing bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness.

3. **Do we expect Jesus to cleanse our hearts with his whip?** Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in us by our addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does he approve of our calculation of loss and gain in our relationship with God.

4. **Do we welcome Jesus into our hearts?** Are we ready to surrender our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome hi, singing our "hosanna" into all areas of our lives as our Lord and Saviour? Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them some place where we can always see the. The psalms are meant to remind us that Christ is the king of our families, that Christ is the king of our hearts, that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our king let us try to make time for Him in our daily life, let us be reminded that he is the one with whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in or lives only pertain to our life in time and will vanish for us, with our death. Let us prioritise and place Christ the king as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done so that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.]

5. **Are we ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus?** As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we can expect to receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we must also expect to meet the same opposition, crosses and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in s Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND.

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Jean Marion, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Pauline & Peter Morgan, Trish Tarlington, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, John Nader & John Moore and Anthony Morris.

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St Vincent de Paul "Knock on Effect" Appeal: **THIS WEEKEND**

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th March there will be a collection to support the work of St Vincent de Paul in our community. In 2020 the far south coast spent \$214,837 assisting those in need (not including bushfire victims). As well as providing physical assistance, Companions are given contacts for professionals who can support their road to recovery eg. Financial councilors, housing advocates. We urge you to assist our endeavours to continue this work through your generous donation.

