

**ANZAC DAY** is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders “who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations” and “the contribution and suffering of all those who have served”.



National day of remembrance and first landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli



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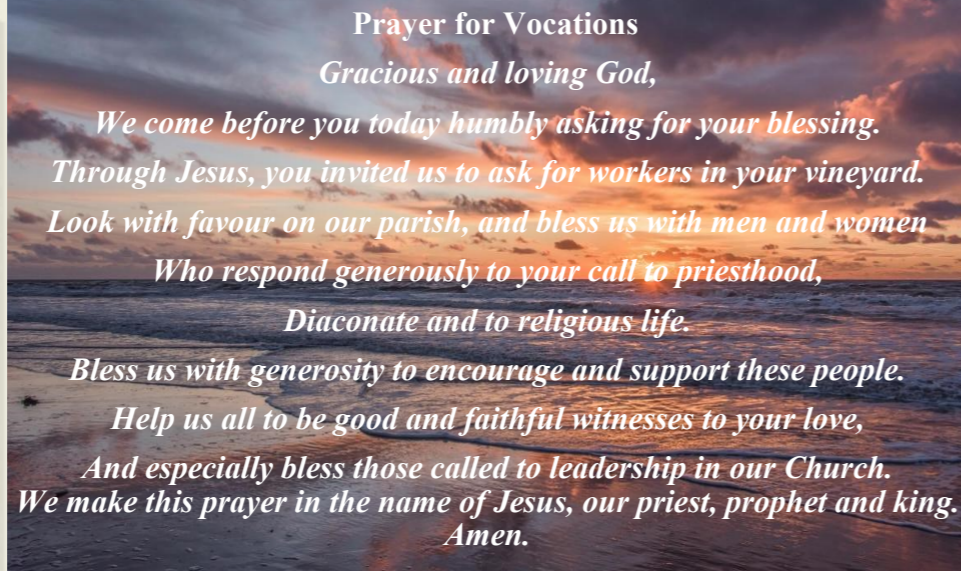
to Pat and Jan Morris  
who celebrated their

61st Wedding Anniversary on 18 April.

Happy Birthday to Jan on 23 April



COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION, 2 MAY, 1PM



# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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 .

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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APRIL 24 & 25 2021

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest, “pastor”, means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock - responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfilment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God’s flock.

**In today’s first reading**, Peter exerts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ the Good Shepherd whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified, and in whose name the apostles preach and heal.

**In the second reading**, St John tells us how Yahweh the Good Shepherd of the Old testament expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children.

**The Gospel** text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge is that we should be *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care.

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.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26.

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

## Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been re-  
vealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for  
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my  
Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week....

**1. Let us become good shepherds:** Every one who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance are needed every day on the part of the shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds by becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

**2. Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd:** Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of our parish, a) let us hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counselling and advice. b) Let us take the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs and discussions. c) Let us cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, occasionally correcting them with constructive criticism and by praying for them. Let us also cooperate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

**3. Let us pray for vocations** to priestly and religious life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarised in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest." Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because he is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered himself as a unique sacrifice on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptised in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.

### 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, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlington, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, Anthony Morris and Julie and John Kay (**PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED OR REMOVED FROM THIS LIST**)

### Catholics in Australia encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccine

**MEDIA RELEASE** 20 April 2021

**Get Vaccinated for the common good:** Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

**Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May** St Mary's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11<sup>th</sup>. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27<sup>th</sup> at [bit.ly/TMCinfonight](https://bit.ly/TMCinfonight) Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister> General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal — Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:** We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: 1) by envelopes; 2) by giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep); or by calling (02)6239 9801. Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education (envelopes are provided on the pews).

**DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING** Register for the Eastern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting taking place at **10am Tuesday 4 May 2021**. Register at <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)