



HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

2023

Palm Sunday

1 April Vigil Mass 6pm Saturday

2 April—Palm Sunday

8am (Tuross), 10am (Moruya)

Procession with Palms and Passion Reading

3 April—Monday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass—at The Cathedral 5pm

4 April—Tuesday of Holy Week

2nd Rite of Reconciliation Liturgy

5:30-6:30pm

5 April—Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass 9:15am

Paschal Meal, Presbytery 5:30pm

6 April—Holy Thursday

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper 7pm

followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration

7 April—Good Friday

1) Stations of the Cross 10am—

Church grounds

2) The celebration of the Passion of

the Lord 3pm

8 April—Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Moruya 6pm

9 April—Easter Sunday

8am (Tuross), 10am (Moruya)

All welcome to our Holy Week services at Sacred Heart

FR ANTHONY ANNIVERSARY: On behalf of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (Philippines) I would like to thank your generous hearts for the kind donation of \$335 for the education of the seminarians. Thank you also to all Parishioners who came along and celebrated with me and contributed to the beautiful Banquet last Monday evening. God Bless you all—Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to **Pauline** de Grave who celebrates her special day on 4 April.

PASCHAL MEAL: Can Parishioners please indicate if they will be attending the Paschal Meal in the Presbytery on **Wednesday, 5 April**. Please add your name to the list in the Church foyer by **Monday, 3 April** for catering purposes.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: GOOD FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as their spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS: Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on **Monday, 3 April** at 5pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

MULTICULTURAL MASS: You are invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on **Sunday, 16 April at 11am** – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9:00am—2:00pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am

Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Tuross: Sun: 8:00am Bodalla: 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass

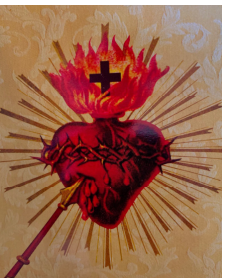
5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am Adoration: 40 mins before weekday Mass

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

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



Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

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April 1 & 2 2023

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

**“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the 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 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 results in our healing, reconciliation and redemption. 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 more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus we will 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 two 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.

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, then your will be done.

Liturgy of the Word

Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem

Gospel read at the procession Mathew 21: 1-12

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. v.2

(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 Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

(The passion narration maybe read by three people)

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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 WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession?** There is a Jewish saying "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hard-hearted one". Are we 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) **Am I a barren fig tree?** God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity and forgiveness. Am I a barren fig tree? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

3) **Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip?** Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words and deeds; neither does he approve of my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God.

4) **Do I welcome Jesus into my heart?** Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Saviour? Let the palms remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life.

5) **Are we like the humble donkey that carried** Jesus by radiating Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service in our families and communities?

NOTICE FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Lyn Timms, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Helen and Ian Browne who celebrated 52 years of wedded bliss on 27 March and we hope you have many more blessed years together.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)
1 & 2 April



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Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.