

**Congratulations to the Year 3 St Mary's students who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.**



**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL:**

Next weekend 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 next Sunday or begin a monthly donation to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through your parish or online at [bit.ly/goodshepherd2024](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2024).

**A Gift to your Church in Your Will**

Making a gift to the Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya is a meaningful gift and legacy to your faith community, a gift that will be remembered forever... To make a bequest, you should consult your solicitor or trustee company. It may be sufficient to make an addition or amendment to an existing will by adding a codicil.

If you would like to assist your Parish for its upkeep and maintenance, by making a bequest, we recommend the following clause: *"I give, devise and bequeath [the sum of...] OR [my property known as...] OR [...% of my estate] free of all duties and taxes to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Church, Moruya (ABN 23357238651) to be applied as the trustees see fit at the time and I declare that a receipt for the same signed by the Trustees of Sacred Heart Parish, shall be sufficient to discharge from my Executor."* For further information, please email the Parish Office [moruya@cg.org.au](mailto:moruya@cg.org.au) or phone the Parish Office 4474 2024.

**SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA**



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**Mass Times:**  
**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am  
 Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am  
**Tuross:** Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am  
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass  
 1st Saturday of the month @ Moruya 8:15am-9:00am  
**Devotions:** Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** All Fridays after Mass  
**Schools:** St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600  
**Caring Groups:** Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

3rd Sunday of Easter - YEAR B - 13 & 14 April 2024

**Understanding the Scriptures**

**“It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”**

The common theme of today's readings is a challenge that our faith in the living presence of the risen Lord should strengthen our hope in his promises, call us to true repentance for our sins and lead us to bearing witness to Christ by our works of charity. The reading also reminds us that the purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection was to save us from sins. Hence they invite us to make our bearing witness to the risen Lord more effective by repenting of our sins, renewing our lives, and meeting Jesus in the Word of God and at the Eucharistic Table.



The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes how Peter fulfils the mission of preaching Jesus. In this second sermon, Peter goes on with the preaching mission begun on Pentecost in Jerusalem, and again presents Jesus as the fulfilment of all the Messianic prophecies of the Old testament. He also asks the Jews to turn toward God so that their sins might be wiped away.

In the second reading, John tells us that true knowledge and love of God consist in acknowledging that Jesus is the expiation for our sins by bearing witness to Him in our lives and by obeying His commandments. Today's gospel leads us to reflect on faith, doubts and crises. It shows us how Jesus convinced his disciples of his resurrection and how he commissioned them to be his witnesses throughout the world. He prepared them to receive God's power through the coming descent of the Holy Spirit upon them, and he commanded them to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

**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.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

**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.**



Register



*Expanding the Tent*

**Multicultural and Ecclesial Communities**



**The Roundtables**

Join others from across the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the pivotal role of our multicultural and ecclesial communities in the life of our Church.

Leading into our Archdiocesan Assembly (2024), this Roundtable will provide a forum for discernment and discussion on the realities, challenges and hopes of our faith communities in the Archdiocese.

**Where** Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's, Manuka)  
**When** Tuesday 16 April | 4:30pm - 6:00pm  
**What** Prayer + Discernment + Panel + Discussion + Contribution  
**How** [cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables](http://cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables)



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation See Luke 24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Luke 24:35-48

P: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) Renew the "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass:** The same Jesus who, in the upper room of the Cenacle, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. He invites us to share in the "Liturgy of the Word of God" and in "The Liturgy of Bread and Wine." In the first part of the Mass, Jesus speaks to us through the "Word of God." In the second part, He becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our thanks for the blessings received, listen to God's words and offer ourselves to God along with our gifts of bread and wine. We also share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, and we are sent to share his message with the entire world.

**2) Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission:** Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears and hands and to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness. The church badly needs dedicated witnesses: priests, Brothers, Sisters, teachers, doctors, and nurses—all of us. The essence of bearing witness is to testify by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched and transformed us. In other words, Jesus is to speak to other people through us. In Calcutta, a dying old woman with her head in the lap of Mother Teresa, looked at her for a long time, and, in a feeble voice, asked: "Are you the God Jesus who loves the poor and the sick"?

**3) Let our daily lives be the means of experiencing and sharing the risen Lord with others:** Just as the disciples experienced their risen Lord in their community, let us learn to feel the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centres, nursing facilities, hospitals and schools. These are also the places where we have the opportunity to convey our peace and joy to others.

**4) Be agents with Jesus in the establishing of the Kingdom in our world:** Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares and in which everything is shared; a community which knows how to recognise Jesus in the poor, in the marginalised, in the sick; a community to bring healing into peoples lives; and a community of peace makers and not makers of division or conflict.

## NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

We continue to 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, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Barry Morris, Christopher Morris, John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nader, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave, David McWilliams and Paul Ryan.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Jan and Pat Morris who celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary on 18 April! Much love and best wishes to you both.

**BANKSIA MASS:** Masses will recommence at Banksia Village from this Thursday, 18 April at 11am following their recent renovations.

**PHONE LESSONS IN TUROSS:** All are invited to free digital training classes commencing at Club Tuross on Monday afternoons from **Monday, 15 April—29 April**. Please register if you are interested in being safe and communicating confidently online with your loved ones. Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm Book at the Club or call 0414 442 707 Bookings Essential. Trainer: Trish Pye

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** Sacred Heart Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

**Communicating Concerns:** Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr George Azhakath or the Parish Office. Alternatively, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to talk with Fr George. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to the **Parish Safeguarding Officers: Pauline Parnell** ronandpauline@yahoo.com; **Louise Strahlendorf** loumm214@gmail.com; or **Peter Hoban** peter.hoban@peters.com.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au/6239 9806.