

*Prayer for Vocations.*  
*Gracious and loving God,*  
*We come before you today humbly asking for your blessing.*  
*Through Jesus, you invited us to ask for workers in your vineyard.*  
*Look with favour on our parish, and bless us with men and women*  
*Who respond generously to your call to priesthood,*  
*Diaconate and to religious life.*  
*Bless us with generosity to encourage and support these people.*  
*Help us all to be good and faithful witnesses to your love,*  
*And especially bless those called to leadership in our Church.*

**TIM FISHER ORATION 2024:** Now in its second year, the **Tim Fischer Oration** (Wednesday, 7 August ) will delve into crucial aspects of how we contribute to society's betterment through ethical conduct and engagement in public and political life. The guest speaker **Helen Alvarez**, is a Professor of Law at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University. Helen has taught law and religion for 20 years and has published over 30 scholarly articles. The senior student sponsorship program is a special component of this event. I encourage you all to join us in shaping bright, responsible leaders. The details of the lecture are as follows: **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvarez; **MC:** Former Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson; **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter; **Venue:** Parliament House, Canberra; **Tickets:** \$40 [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au); **Inquiries:** [communications@cg.org.au](mailto:communications@cg.org.au) or phone 6239 9800.

**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.

**They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
 Straight of limb, true of eyes,  
 steady and aglow. They were  
 staunch to the end against odds  
 uncounted, they fell with their  
 faces to the foe.**

**They shall grow not old, as we  
 that are left grow old: Age shall  
 not weary them, nor the years  
 condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun and  
 in the morning we will  
 remember them**



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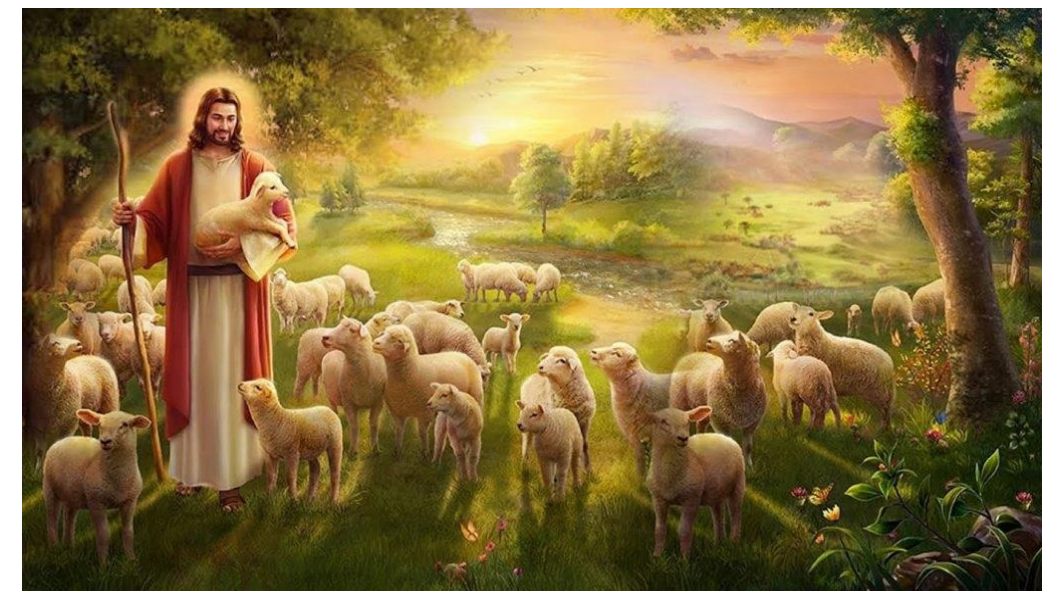


**Mass Times:**  
**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am  
 Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am  
**Turoos:** Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am  
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before 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:** Turoos Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

4th Sunday of Easter - YEAR B - 20 & 21 April 2024

**The Good Shepherd Sunday World Day of 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.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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**



**LEST WE FORGET**



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 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. 28-29. R. v.22

**(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 John 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 revealed;  
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 John 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel John 10:11-18

P: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

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 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.

### 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 Broekhuysen, Jan and 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, Paul Ryan and Rita Marion.

**BIRTHDAY:** A very Happy Birthday to our dear Jan Morris who will be celebrating her special day on 23 April! We hope you have a fabulous Birthday Jan with your dear family and many friends.

**CONDOLENCES:** Sincere condolences to the Neill family on the passing last week of Joan. Joan’s funeral will take place at Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday, 1 May at 11am**. May she rest in peace dear Lord.

### NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL:** Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

This 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** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Donations can be made through your parish or on-line at [bit.ly/goodshepherd2024](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2024)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES - 18 MAY:** Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 Feb. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**