

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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 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
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4th Sunday of Easter - YEAR A - 29 & 30 April 2023

The Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Gospel for the day on the 4th Sunday of Easter is always on the theme of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This year on 30 April, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

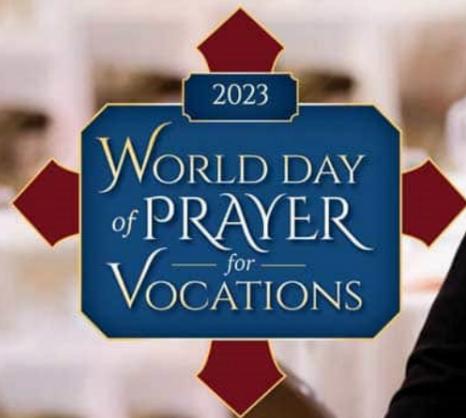
Today the Church calls us to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations, reminding us that the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a shepherd and his flock to describe the unique relation of God to Israel and the Christ to Christians. The **first reading** is taken from St Peter's first sermon on Pentecost. Speaking to the Jewish people gathered for the harvest feast, Peter exhorted his listeners to know beyond any doubt that the one they had allowed to be crucified was the true shepherd, the Lord and Messiah. Peter then proclaimed that the proper response to the good news about Jesus was to repent and be baptised "in the name of Jesus Christ" thus becoming members of the Good Shepherd's flock. Through the Sacrament of Baptism they would receive the forgiveness of their sins. The **responsorial psalm** (Psalm 23) introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel and describes all of the things the Lord does for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. The **second reading** continues the "shepherd" imagery. In his letter, Peter encouraged the suffering Christians to follow in their shepherd's (suffering servant) footsteps and to remember that they had been claimed by Him. Peter also explained to them and to us how Jesus, the innocent sufferer, is a model of patience and trust in God, and that his suffering has enabled us all to become more fully children of God. In today's **Gospel**, two brief parables about sheep reveal Jesus as our unique means to salvation (sheep gate) and as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides protection and life itself. Besides guiding his flock to eternal life as a good shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to eternal life.



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.

VOCATION BULLETIN FOR APRIL 30, 2023



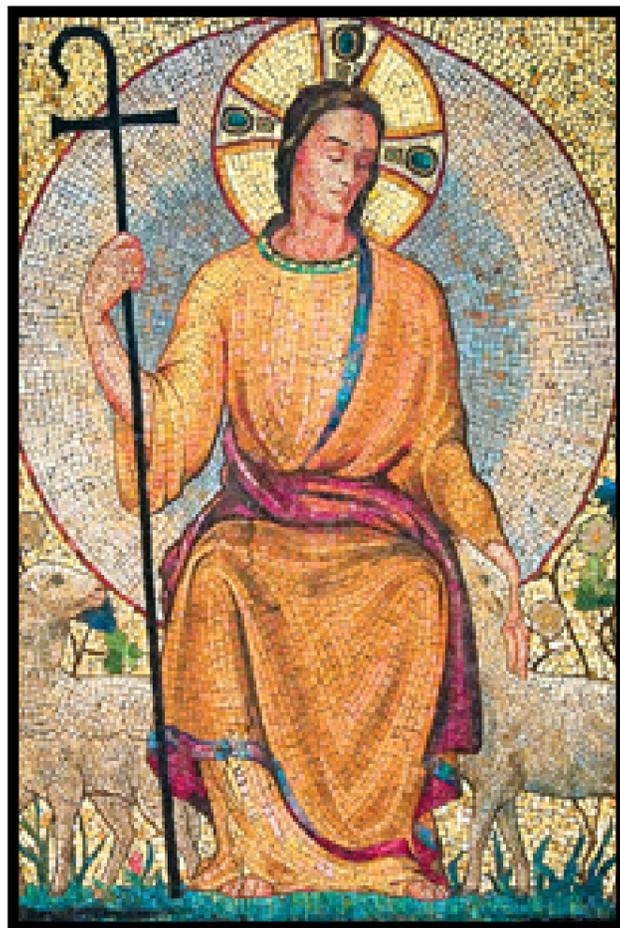
"JOY IS THE NET OF LOVE BY WHICH WE CAPTURE SOULS." ~ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

25TH RELIGIOUS PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY: Fr Anthony C. Riosa, SSS celebrates 25 years of his Religious Profession on **Tuesday, 2 May**. All parishioners are warmly invited to 5:30pm Mass followed by a small celebration in the Presbytery. Please bring a plate to share and drinks. In lieu of gifts, Fr Anthony wishes cash gifts to be donated for the education of Seminarians in the Philippines. Westpac Acct Name: Anthony Consulta Riosa, BSB: 732-778 Acc: 839361. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity. Congratulations also to Fr George Azhakath who celebrates 34 years in the Priesthood on 30 April!



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. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2023



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on **Sunday, April 30, 2023** also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "**Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest**" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2023 marks the 60th Anniversary of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 10:1-10

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 tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.'

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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) 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.

NOTICES 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 Broekhuyse, 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, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment emails will be sent out on 11 May. Commitment Masses will be on the weekend of 20-21 May with the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 25 June at 10am Mass**. The contact at St Mary's is Genevieve Schofield. For enrolment details, please email Gen: genevieve.schofield@cg.catholic.edu.au

RETREAT - 'THE MYSTICS': Search and you will find ... called to be everyday mystics. Venue: St Joseph's Convent Chapel, David Avenue, Batemans Bay. Date: **Tuesday, 16 May 9:45am** for a 10am start-2pm. Facilitators: Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall. Morning tea will be provided. Please BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch. A gold coin donation is requested to cover the cost of the venue and bookings are essential **by 9 May** to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057.

BIRTHDAYS: Very Happy Birthday to Jenny Brosche who celebrates her special day on 29 April and Gerry Ebbelaar whose Birthday is on 4 May. We hope you both have a splendid day!