



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

Chrim 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

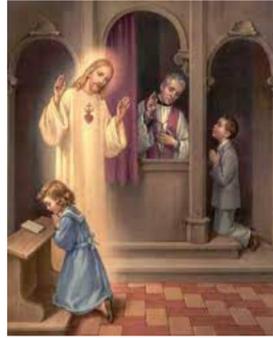
8am (Tuross), **10am** (Moruya)

All welcome to our Holy Week services at
Sacred Heart Parish

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

1ST RECONCILIATION:

Please pray especially for the students of St Mary's who will be attending 1st Reconciliation Commitment Masses this weekend as they prepare for their 1st Holy Communion later in the year.



PARISH OFFICE TIME

CHANGES: Next week the office will be **closed on**

Friday, 10 March. Office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday, 8 and 9 March 9am-2pm.

The office will also be **closed on Friday, 17 March.** Office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday, 14 and 15 March 9am-2pm.

ONE DAY PASTORAL CARE

INTRODUCTORY COURSE: a time to review if you are experienced, a time to learn if you are new and would like to know more. **Date:** Saturday, 25 March 2023. 9am – 4pm beginning in St Bernard's Parish Office. **BYO** Lunch. Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea provided. Free. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.** Please call Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057.

BODALLA MASS: Masses at Bodalla will be celebrated every 3rd Thursday of each month 9am commencing Thursday, 16 March.

SEASON OF LENT: During Lent, join us for the **Triumph Lenten study** at Sacred Heart on Tuesdays after 5:30pm Mass. Booklets will be provided and/or are available from the office.

COUNTERS NEEDED: If you can spare an hour or two once a month on a Monday to assist in counting the weekend mass monies and assist with the banking, please contact the office on 4474 2024 or email moruya@cg.org.au. You will have a counting buddy to guide you through the process. Any additional helpers would be appreciated.

PARISHIONER DETAILS UPDATE: Are you new to the Parish? Your fellow parishioners would like to get to know you. Each year, we like to update our records and ask you to please advise the office of your contact details. Forms are available in the Church foyer. These forms can also be used if you are a current parishioner and your details have recently changed.

MORNING TEA: All are welcome to come along for Morning Tea after 10am Sunday Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery.



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Web: <http://cg.org.au/Moruya>

Priest: Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS

Secretary: Mrs Vickie Moore

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: 8am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9am

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 Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993



2nd Sunday of Lent

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March 4 & 5 2023

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

'This is my Son, The Beloved; He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him'



The common theme of today's **readings** is metamorphosis or transformation. The **readings** invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to resurrection and eternal life, and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries. Both the **first and second readings** present salvation history as a response to God's call, a call going out to a series of key persons, beginning with Abraham and culminating with Jesus Christ and his apostles. Faith is presented here as the obedient response to the call of God which opens up channels for the redemptive action of God in history, thus transforming the world. In answering this call, both Abram and Saul broke with the experiences of their past lives and moved into an unmapped future to become new "*people of the Promise*" for a new life.

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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) The transformation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes transformed in the body and blood of Jesus. Hence, just as the transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against our own temptations and a source of renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters whom we come across each day.

2) Each sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the sacrament of reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick in faith, we are spiritually, and sometimes physically healed and our sins are forgiven.

3) A message of hope and encouragement: In moments of doubt and during feelings of despair, the expectations of our transformations in heaven helps us to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."

4) We need these 'mountain-top' experiences in our own lives. We can share experiences like those of Peter, James and John when we spend some extra time in prayer, fast from our evil habits and help others sacrificially during Lent.

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 Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette Moore, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Lyn Timms, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks and John Mehl.

SING A LONG: Everyone is invited to a Sing A Long in Club TUROSS on Monday, 13 March. 4pm - 5.30pm. FREE. Over 200 popular songs. Everyone picks their favourite for all to sing.

WWC RENEWAL ASSISTANCE: As most Tuross parishioners need to renew their WWC this year two people with laptops will be available at Club TUROSS to assist those needing help. 10am - 12 noon Thursday, 9 March.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

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