

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate three Anniversaries:

- 1) the Anniversary of the institution of the Holy Eucharist;
- 2) the Anniversary of the institution of ministerial Priesthood to perpetuate the Holy Mass, to convey God's forgiveness to repentant sinners and to preach the good news of salvation;
- 3) The Anniversary of the promulgation of Jesus' new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you".

Today we remember how Jesus transformed the Jewish Passover into the New Testament Passover. In its origins, the Jewish Passover was, in fact, a joint celebration of two ancient thanksgiving celebrations.

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The Sacred Paschal Triduum

17 April—Holy Thursday

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper **7pm** followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration

18 April—Good Friday

- 1) Solemn Stations of the Cross **10am**
- 2) The celebration of the Passion of the Lord **3pm**

19 April—Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Moruya **7pm**

20 April—Easter Sunday
8am (Tuross), 10am (Moruya)

"Would you not watch with me, one hour"

All are welcome to the Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose, for an hour, immediately after the Mass ..



Project Compassion Envelopes and Boxes

As you come into the Church for Mass, the Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are to be placed in the basket at the Altar as our gift to the poor and needy.

Those who are not ready tonight may bring it tomorrow or to the Easter celebration. Thank you all very much for your contribution to the Project Compassion

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm The celebration of the Passion of the Lord Good

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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

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 4:30pm-4:50pm before Vigil Mass

1st Saturday of the month @ Moruya 8:15am-9:00am

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** All Fridays after 9:15am Mass

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Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper



Christ fulfilled his work of redeeming man and giving perfect glory to God, especially by his paschal mystery. Dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. And so, the Easter Triduum of the Lord's passion and resurrection is the climax of the whole liturgical year.

Order of the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Introduction
Penitential Rite
Gloria
Opening Prayer
1st Reading (Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14)
Responsorial Psalm
2nd Reading (1Cor. 11:23-26)
Gospel Acclamation (Jn 13:34)



The Gospel (Jn. 13:1-15)

Homily

Washing of the feet

Prayers of the Faithful

Mass continues as usual

Communion

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

Procession to the Place of

Reposition & Adoration

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten.

That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.”

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13, 15-18, R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16

(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord’s name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 13:1-15

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ ‘Never!’ said Peter. ‘You shall never wash my feet.’ Jesus replied, ‘If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.’ ‘Then, Lord,’ said Simon Peter, ‘not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!’ Jesus said, ‘No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.’ He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, ‘though not all of you are.’

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. ‘Do you understand’ he said ‘what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) A challenge for humble service: Our celebration of the Eucharist requires that we wash one another’s feet, ie, serve one another, and revere Christ’s presence in other persons. To wash the feet of others is to love them even when they don’t deserve our love. It is to do good to them even if they don’t return the favour. It is to consider their needs as important as our own. It is to forgive them from the heart even if they don’t say, “I’m sorry.” It is to serve them even when the task is unpleasant. It is to let them know we care when they feel downtrodden or burdened. It is to be generous with what we have. It is to turn the other cheek instead of retaliating when we are treated unfairly. It is to make adjustments in our plans to serve their needs without expecting any reward.

2) A loving invitation for sacrificial sharing and self-giving love: Let us imitate the self-giving model of Jesus who shares with us his own body and blood and who enriches us with his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. It is by sharing our blessings, our talents, time, health and wealth—with others that we become true disciples of Christ who obey his new commandment: **“Love one another as I have loved you.”**

3) A message to show our unity in suffering: The bread we partake of is produced by the pounding of many grains of wheat, and the wine is the result of the crushing of many grapes. Both are thus symbols of unity and suffering. They invite us to help, console, support, and pray for others who suffer physical or mental illnesses.

4. A message of warning: We need to make Holy Communion an occasion of divine grace and blessing by receiving it worthily, rather than making it an occasion of desecration and sacrilege by receiving Jesus while we are in grave sin. That is why the priest prays just before he receives Holy Communion: “Lord Christ, with faith in your love and mercy, I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body”.

5. An invitation to become Christ-bearers and Christ-conveyers: “Go in peace to love and serve one another” is the final message at every Mass. It means that we have to carry Jesus to our homes and places of work, conveying to others around us the love, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of humble service of Christ whom we carry with us.

EXODUS. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26; JOHN 13: 1-15: On Holy Thursday we remember with gratitude the Paschal mystery of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the transformation of the Jewish Passover into the New Testament Passover. The Jewish Passover was, in fact, a joint celebration of two ancient thanksgiving celebrations. The descendants of Abel, who were shepherds, used to lead their sheep from the winter pastures to the summer pastures after the sacrificial offering to God of a lamb. They called this celebration the “Passover.” On the other hand, the descendants of Cain, who were farmers, held a harvest festival called the Massoth in which they offered unleavened bread to God as an act of thanksgiving. The Passover feast of the Israelites (Exodus 12:26-37) was a harmonious combination of these two ancient feasts of thanksgiving, celebrated yearly by all Israelites to thank God for the miraculous liberation of their ancestors from Egypt and their exodus to the Promised Land.

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, Louise Strahlendorf or Peter Hoban moruya.safeguarding@cg.org.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.