



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

Chrism 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



NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

MASS TIME CHANGES: There will be no weekday Masses on 21, 22 and 23 March.

PARISH OFFICE TIME CHANGE: Next week, the office will be closed on Friday,

17 March. Office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday, 14 and 15 March 9am-2pm.

GARDEN WORKING BEE: Please come along and bring your whipper snippers, weeding gloves and gardening utensils on Saturday, 18 March at 10am.

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 next 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 are provided for \$7 and/or are available from the office.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS

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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 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass

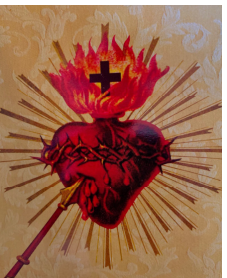
5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass

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 Lent - YEAR A -

March 11 & 12 2023

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well

“The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life”

Today's liturgy makes use of the symbol of water to refer to our relationship with God. Just as water in the desert was life-giving for the wandering Israelites, the water of true loving relationship with Jesus is life-giving for those who accept him as Lord and Saviour. We are assembled here in the Church to share in this water of eternal life and salvation. The Holy Spirit of God, the word of God, and the sacraments in the Church are the primary sources of the living water of divine grace.

Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the Spirit, we are challenged by today's **gospel** to remain thirsty for the living water which only God can give. The **first reading** describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock of Horeb. The **responsorial, Psalm 95** refers both to the Rock of our salvation and also to the hardened hearts. It reminds us that we have to soften our hard hearts during Lent by prayer, fasting and works of mercy and receive the living water of God's grace from the Rock of our salvation. In the **second reading**, Saint Paul asserts that as the saviour of mankind, Jesus poured the living water of the gift of his Holy Spirit into our hearts. Today's **gospel** tells us how Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost and which he had come to satisfy. John 4:5-42 gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the source of *living water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because he is that life-giving water.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

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 came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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) We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our 'private' life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or to condemn, but to free us, to change us and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of his Holy Spirit*. Let us find this living water in the sacraments, in prayer and in the holy Bible.



2) We need to be witnesses to Jesus like the Samaritan woman. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

3) We need to leave the "husbands" behind during Lent as the Samaritan did. Today's gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from the mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the *living water*.


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, John Mehl and Therese Masserot.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Third Sunday of Lent
11 & 12 March



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

