

JAMBEROO RETREAT 2023: The dates for next year's retreat are 20-23 March and payment is required late January. For more detailed information including prices and accommodation and/or to express your interest, please contact Susie McCosker 0426 820 860.

Dear friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your support, kindness and generosity to me over the last 6 months as your priest. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you and will treasure the great memories of my time in Moruya. Be assured of my prayers as we continue our journey of faith, trusting in the mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Please continue to pray for me!

God's blessings to you all this year.

Fr Eden

My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace and Love of the Eucharistic Lord!

I praise and thank God for all of you for the warm welcoming as I begin my pastoral ministry as the new administrator of your Parish. I'm looking forward to know you more by collaborating with the various leaders of the religious organisations of the Parish particularly with the Parish Pastoral Council. There are up-coming activities like the Lenten Season specifically the Holy Week celebration that needs to be discussed as we plunge into 2023. I'll just announce the specific dates of our meeting. If there are spiritual needs to be attended (Masses, confession and sick calls), please do not hesitate to contact us through the Parish Office.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus strengthen each one of us to be a more loving and Eucharistic community.

In Christ, the Eucharistic Lord,
Fr. Anthony C. Riosa, SSS
SHP Administrator

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DEATH OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL: Cardinal George Pell, Australia's most senior Catholic, died in Vatican City on 10 January aged 81. The archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, said he was shocked by Pell's sudden death. "It is with deep sadness that I can confirm His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, passed away in Rome in the early hours of this morning," he said. "This news comes as a great shock to all of us. "Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell, for comfort and consolation for his family and for all of those who loved him and are grieving him at this time."

MADE FOR MORE WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST: 20/21 JANUARY 2023:

Join international speaker and Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Christopher West and team, in Sydney as they offer a vision of the gospel through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body on either 20th or 21st January 2023.

One event. Two date/location options. More information about event details are available by contacting the Sydney Archdiocese Life Marriage and Family Unit. Register your interest at www.trybooking.com/CDBSBW. Contact lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org. A flyer with more detailed information is displayed in the Church foyer.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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

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

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

5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

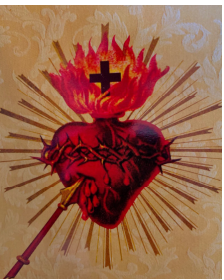
Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Year A-

January 14 & 15 2023

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the Sins of the World” - a call to discipleship and service

The central theme of today's readings is a challenge to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God. In both the first and second readings, God calls individuals to his service. The gospel passage presents three themes, namely, John's witness to Jesus, Jesus' epiphany and identification as the “Lamb of God” and the call to discipleship. Those who are called gradually accept the identity of the One who calls them. Like John the Baptist, today we may wish to use today's Gospel as a personal and corporate call to become a witness to the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the Jews as the “Lamb of God” on the second day repeating the title on the third day. Lamb of God is the most meaningful title given to Jesus in the Bible. It is used 29 times in the book of Revelation. It sums up the love, sacrifice and the triumph of Christ. John's introduction probably brought five pictures of the “lamb” to the minds of his Jewish listeners.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’;

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

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

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Live and die like the Lamb of God. (A) **Live like a lamb** i) by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives obeying the Christ’s commandment of love. ii) by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in his Church. iii) by eating the body and drinking the blood of the Good Shepherd and deriving spiritual strength from his Holy Spirit through sacraments and prayers. (B) **Die like a sacrificial lamb:** i) by sharing our blessings of health, wealth and talents with others in the family, parish and community. ii) by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering. iii) by offering our suffering for the salvation of souls and as reparation for our sins and those of others.

2) Be a witness to the lamb of God. Today’s Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we grow by faith to become witnesses for him. And witnessing to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance any more than one can be a distant lover. To love Christ is to be drawn close to him, to know Christ personally, to experience him through the Bible, through prayers and sacraments, and to inspire others to want to know him. To help Christ is to share the Good News about him with others. Blessed are we when we bring to others the gifts of love, peace, justice, tolerance, and mercy, thus becoming witnesses for the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

3) “Come and see”. The essence of our witness-bearing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to “come and see”. For John, faith began by responding to the invitation to “come and see”. Three times Andrew brought someone to Jesus—first, his brother Simon (1:40) then, a boy with five barley loaves and two fish (6:8); and finally “some Greeks” (12:20-22), which signalled the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified. We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn’t there the same fervor over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our church activities? Often we hesitate to do so because of the false notion that talking about religion is taboo in our culture, or that religion is a private matter and should not be shared with others, or that we don’t have much of a personal faith to share, or that our worship services would not be appealing to others. One of the differences that faith should make in our lives is the desire that others—especially those without a religious faith—might also share in and benefit from the relationship God offers through Christ. If we are not willing to invite others in to this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church?

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, and the sick members of our Parish: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry, 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, Jaijing Greenwood, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales and Lyn Timms.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST

CONDOLENCES: **Ben Pollock**, son of **Paddy** passed away during the week. Rest in peace Ben and sincere condolences to Paddy and his family at this sad time.