

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2024

Palm Sunday

23 March Vigil Mass **5pm** Saturday

24 March—Palm Sunday

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

Procession with Palms and Passion Reading

25 March—Monday of Holy Week

Chrism Mass—at The Cathedral **5pm**

26 March—Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass **5pm**

27 March—Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass **9:15am**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation &

Liturgy **5-6pm** followed by

Paschal Meal

28 March —Holy Thursday

Commemoration of the Lord's Supper **7pm**

followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration

29 March—Good Friday

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

30 March—Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Moruya **7pm**

31 March—Easter Sunday

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

All welcome to our Holy Week services



Lenten Prayer this week

Loving God,

We come before you as a community
Grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit
Bestowed upon us at our Baptism,
As a manifestation of your love
Dwelling within our hearts.

Help us to grow in our awareness of the
Spirit's guidance and promptings,
That we may listen attentively and
Respond with love and compassion

Grant us the grace to choose,
Again and again,
The path of suffering love,
Just as Jesus did.

As we reflect on our day, may we
Humbly recognise the moments
Where we fall short of your love.

We ask for the help of the Holy Spirit
To guide us in making amends and
Choosing the way of love and life.

May the Spirit's presence within us
Inspire us to grow in virtue and to become
instruments of our love

In the world.

We pray this in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen

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 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass

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

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

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5th Sunday of Lent

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16 & 17 March 2024

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground it yields a rich harvest

In the **second reading** St Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by his suffering and death, in obedience to His Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Quoting the full text of Jeremiah 31:31-34, St Paul explains that the new and better covenant was inaugurated through the high priest Jesus' offering of himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sins. We cannot appreciate adequately the "*blood of the new and everlasting covenant*" that we share in the Eucharist without recognising the joys and sufferings, triumphs and setbacks that marked the history of God's covenant relationship with his people.

Using metaphors of the "*sown wheat grain*" and the "*spent life*" the gospel hints at Jesus' inner struggle in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the new and everlasting covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his 'hour' meaning the stepping stone to his passion death, resurrection and exaltation. Further, he considers his 'hour' as the way of glorification, provided we accept our crosses. Thus, today's **Gospel** focuses on the upcoming death of Jesus which is interpreted not only as a priestly sacrifice (Heb 5) but also as the moment of his 'exaltation' and 'glorification' (Jn 12).

Lent's fifth Sunday's **readings** present us with a challenge. Just as Jesus became the 'Promised Messiah of Glory' and the 'Conquering Son of Man' by offering his life for others, we too can only possess heaven by dying to oneself and spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 12:26

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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

Gospel John 12:20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **To receive new life and eternal life we need to die to ourselves through suffering and service:** Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by having its wax melted and its wick consumed. The oyster produces a priceless pearl through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. We need to pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

2) **Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in heaven:** We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, at the invitation of Jesus, gave up her comfortable teaching career and, with just 17 cents in her pocket, began her challenging life for the “poorest of the poor” in the crowded streets of Calcutta. Thus, she became in the words of the Secretary General of the UN “the most powerful woman in the world”. We see similar cases in the histories of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

3) **It is better to burn out than to rust out:** This is the piece of advice Jesus gives us repeatedly (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25, 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). Let us learn to live this Lenten period “burning out” spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless, self-giving service. “*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the people you can, as long as ever you can*” (John Wesley).

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

We continue to 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, Clare Broekhuysen, Pat Morris, Barry Morris, Christopher Morris, John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nader, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave, David McWilliams, Paul Ryan and Sue Holmes Murphy.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to Sandy Spellacy who will be celebrating her special day on 22 March. We wish you a lovely day with dear family and special friends.

FOUND: a black handbag was found in the Kennedy Room. Please claim it from the Parish office.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2024: We welcome the children, along with their parents and families, to Sunday Mass each week as part of their preparation for the reception of the Sacrament. Please keep the children in your prayers.

LENTEN PROGRAM: Tuesday after 5pm Mass. Everyone welcome to attend.

TUROSS LENTEN PROGRAM: Mondays at 2:30pm, 249 Hector McWilliam Drive. All welcome

A CONVERSATION ABOUT ‘CONFESSION’

The above is the title of an article written by Msgr Graham Schmitzer in the current Lenten book ‘Pieta’. It is so good that the Tuross Lenten Group has received Fr George’s permission to invite the wider parish to attend their informal discussion on the topic of Confession/Reconciliation/Penance in Msgr Schmitzer’s article. As it is the Monday in Holy Week and Reconciliation will be held on the Wednesday, it may help some to prepare for this misunderstood Sacrament. Fr George is unable to attend owing to the Chrism Mass in Canberra. **All welcome to join us in the little Chapel at The Pines Monday, 25 March, 2.30pm.**

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS CARROLL: Archbishop Christopher Prowse has announced, with great sadness, the passing of Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll in Wagga Wagga on 14 March aged 93. Pontifical Requiem Mass for Archbishop Carroll will be celebrated at St Christopher’s Cathedral, Cnr of Canberra Ave & Furneaux St, Manuka, at 11am on Thursday 21 March 2024. Internment in the crypt of St Christopher’s Cathedral will occur at the conclusion of Mass.

The Archdiocese is hosting a **ROUNDTABLE SERIES IN THIS YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** These are opportunities for prayerful dialogue and discernment that are grounded in the Conversation in the Spirit process. **Moments of Encounter: Sacramental Initiation Roundtable** We are hosting the next Roundtable on the theme of *Moments of Encounter: Sacramental Initiation* on **Thursday, 21 March** from **4:30-6:00pm** at the *St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre* (and also online). To register your interest and for more details, please go online to cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables