



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 next week **21, 22 and 23 March.**

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

FR ANTHONY'S ANNIVERSARY: Fr Anthony
will be celebrating his 19th Anniversary of
Priesthood on Monday, 27 March. All parishioners
are invited to 5:30pm Mass followed by a celebratory
banquet in the Presbytery. Please bring a plate.

CHRISM MASS: If parishioners happen to be in
Canberra at the start of Holy Week, please join the
Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on
Monday, 3 April at 5:00pm in St Christopher's
Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week
ceremony. It is at this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used
in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are
blessed and consecrated. Everyone most welcome.



SEASON OF LENT: During Lent, please 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.

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.

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



4th Sunday of Lent

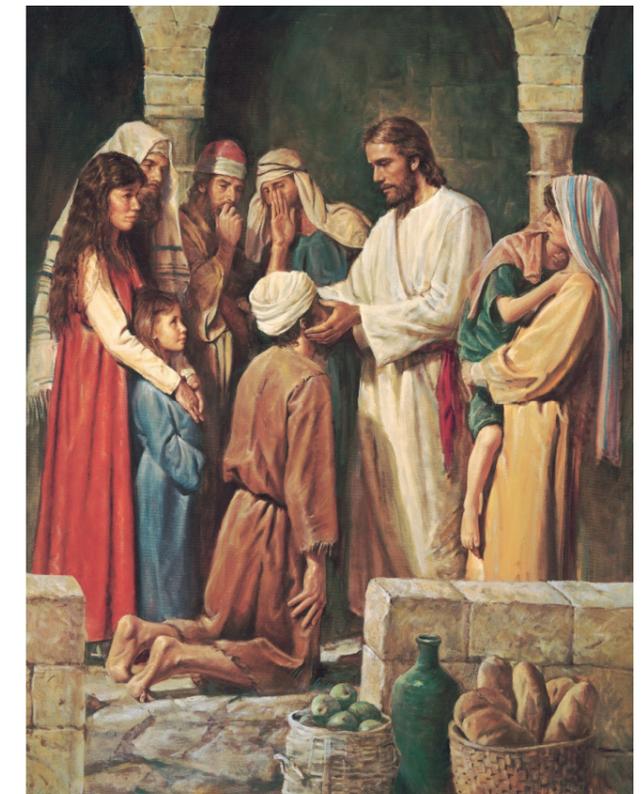
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March 18 & 19 2023

Jesus restores sight to the blind man

“So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored”

Today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul, and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. Paul reminds Christians of their new responsibility as children of light: *“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”* Jesus' giving of sight to a blind man, reported in today's **gospel**, teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by faith and warns us that those who pretend to see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the blind man, receives the sight of faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. *“There are none so blind, as those who will not see.”* To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Today's **gospel** reminds us that we are to live as children of the light, seeking what is good and right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our blindness so that we can look into the hearts of others and love them as children of God, our own brothers and sisters.



Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness

but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Gospel Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

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

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness.** We all have blind-spots—in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light. Even practicing Christians are blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blind-spots. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes which blind us: namely self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly."

2) **We need to get rid of cultural blindness.** Our culture also has blind-spots. Often it is blind to things like selfless love, happiness, fidelity and true, committed sexual love in marriage, and value of human life from birth to natural death. Our culture has become anesthetised to the violence, to the sexual innuendo, and to the enormous suffering of the world around us. Let us counteract this cultural blindness by experiencing Jesus dwelling within us and within others, through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible and a genuine sacramental life.

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 Broekhuyse, 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.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to **Sandy Spellacy** who celebrates her special day on 22 March and **Fr George Azhakath** on 24 March. We hope you both have a splendid day!

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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.**

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