

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

Heavenly Father,
We humbly seek your
Wisdom and insight.

Show us the things in our lives
That draw us closer to you
And those that distract us.

Help us recognise the people,
Activities, and habits that deepen
Our faith and align with your will.

Grant us the courage to let go
Of any distractions and the strength

To prioritise what truly matters
Guide us on the path of righteousness,

That we may grow closer
To you each day.

Lord, we surrender our
desires and plans to you.

Give us wisdom to make
Choices that honour you and
Bring glory to your name.

Help us cultivate a deeper
Relationship, with you, seeking
Your presence in all that we do.

May your wisdom and insight
Guide us towards lives filled
With purpose and fulfilment.

In your loving embrace,
We find true joy and peace. 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

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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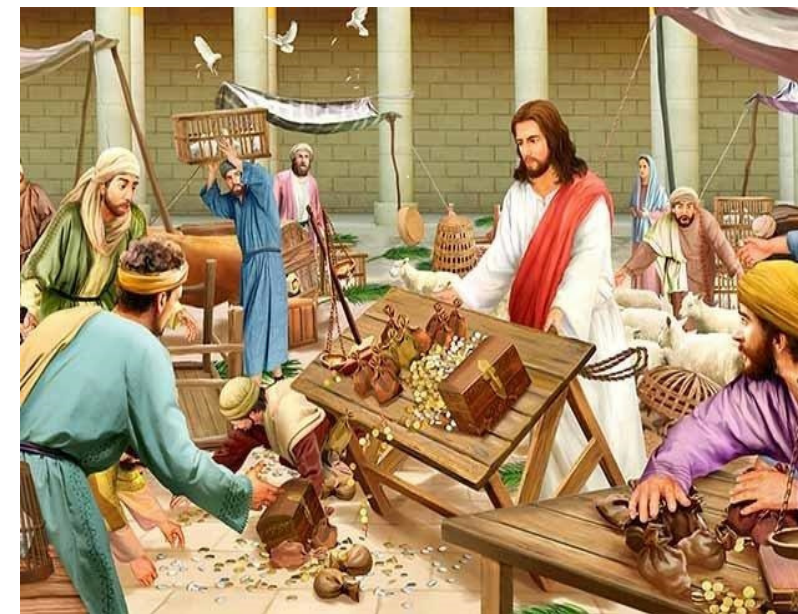
3rd Sunday of Lent

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2 & 3 March 2024

Jesus Cleanses the Temple of Jerusalem

“Stop making my Father's house a market place”



The central theme of today's readings is the challenge to keep our covenant agreement with Jesus Christ, just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament covenant with Yahweh by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. We become people of the new covenant by loving others as Jesus did by keeping our parish church holy and fully dedicated to divine worship and by keeping our hearts cleansed, just holy and pure temples of the Holy Spirit.

Today's **first reading** teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life, just as they formed a rule of life for the Israelites as the result of their covenant with Yahweh at Mount Sinai. The **Responsorial Psalm** depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the

soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold.

The **second reading** reminds us that we must preach the divine folly of the crucified Christ and the spirit of the cross, especially during the Lenten season. The message of the cross is God's wisdom and power and, foolishly as it may see, it is greater than the Law, greater than the Temple, greater than worldly wisdom or human strength. Today's **gospel** gives the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money-changers, followed by a prediction of his death and resurrection.

Entrance Antiphon: When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

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.

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.



Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaila and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to

the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25

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

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.

The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to avoid a calculating mentality to divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Hence fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment (hence, a loss), is a non-Christian approach. In the same way obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for heavenly reward are acts driven by a profit motive, for which Jesus would not approve.

2) We need to remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St Paul reminds us that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred, jealousy and all evil thoughts, desires and plans. Reminiscent of what Jesus did in cleansing the Temple, we, as 21st Century disciples, must, with His grace, cleanse ourselves of attitudes and behaviours that prevent us from seeing and responding to hurt wherever we find it. We will drive out the wild animals that do not belong to the holy temple of our body by making a whip of cords out of our fasting, penance and almsgiving during Lent, and by going to confession to receive God's loving forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation.

3) We need to love our Parish church and use it: Our Church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building, many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let us look around our church this morning and treasure it. When we pass our church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let us make our church even more of a holy place by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

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 Broekhuysse, 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.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere condolences to John Nader and the Nader family on the passing of their beloved Annette on Wednesday. May she rest in eternal peace in the house of the Lord.

FUNERAL: Annette Nader's funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday, 6 March** at 11am. No 9:15am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR STATE/PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN: We request parents, friends and Grandparents to inform the Parish if they have a child or Grandchild in Year 3 who attend a public/state school, as soon as possible, for their enrolment and training for their First Reconciliation to begin next week.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP: The Archbishop conveys to all Parishioners much love and prayerful wishes in this special spiritual season of Lent.

OFFICE HOURS: Next week the Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesday, 6 March** and open Thursday and Friday, 7 March and 8 March.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: The members of our Conference wish to thank our Parish community for their generosity to those in need. Each week there continues to be food items placed in the basket in the church foyer and recently \$165.00 was banked from the Poor Box. We would like to extend our best wishes to you all for a happy and holy Easter as we share in the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



LENTEN PROGRAM: Every **Tuesday after 5pm Mass**. All welcome.

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