



## Happy Australia Day!

*This Thursday, 26 January we celebrate Australia Day. Australia Day is much more than barbeques and fireworks. It is more than another public holiday. It is more than the pride and excitement of new citizens who call themselves*

*Australian for the first time on 26 January after being conferred citizenship. At its core, Australia Day is a day driven by communities, and the celebrations held in each town, suburb or city, and unified by the celebration of what is great about Australia and being Australian.*

**MASS TIME CHANGES:** Please note there will be no weekday masses on the following days: Friday, 27 January, Tuesday, 31 January, Wednesday, 1 February and Thursday, 2 February.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Parishioners **Pauline and Han de Grave** who will celebrate 56 years of marriage on 23 January. We hope you both have a very special day celebrating!

**JAMBEROO RETREAT 2023:** Time is running out to register your interest in this year's retreat from 20-23 March. Payment is required at time of booking and for more detailed information including prices and accommodation options, please contact Susie McCosker 0426 820 860.

**PASTORAL CARE GATHERING INVITATION:** on Tuesday, 14 February Patrick (Paddy) McGrath, St Vincent de Paul, Director of Community Engagement & Spirituality will facilitate sessions on: **The Wounded Healer – in our Woundedness we become a Source of Life.** Registration: 9-15am for 9-30am start – 12noon, St Bernard's Church Meeting Room. Cost Free. BYO morning tea to share. **Bookings are essential by Tuesday, 7 February.** Please contact: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 or Carolyn Evenden 0400 021 119. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S:

TERM ONE 2023	
Friday, 27 January	Staff Professional Learning (Front Office not open)
Monday, 30 January	System Professional Learning in Canberra (Front Office open)
Tuesday, 31 January	Staff Professional Learning (Front Office open)
Wednesday, 1 February	All students (Kinder —Year 6 ) classes begin
Thursday, 6 April	Last day of term for students

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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

**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 Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- YEAR A -

January 21 & 22 2023

## Follow me and I will make you fishers of men

Today's scripture lesson tells us that Christ has brought us into the light (4:16) by calling us to repentance (4:17). The **first reading** contains the prophetic reference to Christ as the light that dispels darkness while the epistle advises the Corinthians to live as children of the light, avoiding divisions and rivalries. Today's **Gospel** reading (Mt. 4:12-23) makes us realise that what had been prophesied by Isaiah was fulfilled through Jesus. In his ministry of calling the disciples and reforming lives, Jesus also brought light to people in darkness, restoring and fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the **gospel** describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22) and Jesus' teaching ministry. Thus, we find ourselves at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.



**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mt 4:12-23

P: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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) Appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples:** Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and relationship with the risen Lord is never separated from the body of the universal Church. Be a monk, priest, married or single laity, male or female, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. It is strengthened through the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing, made manifest by Matrimony or Holy Orders. And God is relentless in calling us back to Himself when we stray away from Him. Let us make personal efforts to see the light of Christ and to grow in holiness by learning the truths that are revealed through the Holy Catholic Church and its Sacraments. Let us be shining lights in the world as Christ was and make a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the light so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God.

**2) Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom:** "Jesus travelled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people" (Mt. 4:23) Equally today, the Word of God, the promoting of the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven, heals all kinds of ills. The Word of God transforms the hearts so that victims may forgive their transgressors, those who have physically abused them, those who have sexually abused them, and those who have psychologically abused them. When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic faith. Like Peter, James and John, we are asked by Jesus to take on the work of discipleship; we are asked to leave our "fishing nets" - our won needs and wants—to follow the example of love and servanthood given to us by Jesus; we are asked to rebuild our lives, homes, and cities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer His calling so that we may faithfully serve the Lord according to His Divine Will.

## 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.

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