

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, in the Presbytery

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: GOOD FRIDAY,

29 MARCH 2024: This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible with their financial and spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Lenten Prayer this week

Gracious and loving God,
We come before you with
Humble hearts, recognising that
Humility is the path to truth.

We thank you for sending your Son
Who willingly chose the cross
Out of love for us—so that we
Might, too, be your beloved.

As we enter Holy Week and
Approach the Triduum, we ask for
The Grace to see everything through
The lens of this profound truth.

May the love that Jesus
Demonstrated on the cross be
The guiding force in our lives.
Help us to surrender our own desires
And ambitions, and to humbly follow
In the footsteps of our Saviour.

Fill us with gratitude for the immense
Sacrifice Jesus made for us
And inspire us to live lives of
Selflessness and love.

May our actions and attitudes
Reflect the truth of our identity
As your beloved children.

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



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath

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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

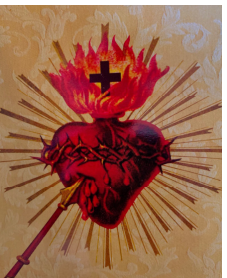
1st Saturday of the month @ Moruya 8:15am-9:00am

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

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

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23 & 24 March 2024



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest heavens”

The Church celebrates today as both **Palm Sunday** and **Passion Sunday**. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our actual lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation and redemption. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as experienced daily by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our physical and spiritual works of mercy. The **Passion Sunday liturgy** combines contrasting moments, one of glory, one of suffering, one of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death.

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

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem
(Gospel read at the procession)

Gospel Mark 11:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!' behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no
resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mk 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

(The Passion narration is read by 4 people)

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Does Jesus weep over us? There is a Jewish saying "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one". Let us get ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father, through the sacrament of reconciliation during this last week of Lent, and participate fully in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

2) Are we barren fig trees? The new Israel must always be ready to bear fruit out of season. That is its vocation! The Church is supposed to be the Church for all seasons. Let us discover whether we are fruit-bearing fig trees, barren trees or useless trees producing bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness.

3) Do we expect Jesus to cleanse our hearts with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in us by our addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words and deeds; neither does he approve of our calculation of loss and gain in our relationship with God.

4) Do we welcome Jesus into our hearts? Today, we receive palm branches, and the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them in a place where we can always see them. The palms are meant to remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts, that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life, let us be reminded that he is the one with whom we will be spending eternity. Let us also be reminded that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in our lives, only pertain to our life in time and will vanish for us, with our death. Let us prioritise and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done so that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.

5) Are we ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we can expect to receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we must also expect to meet the same opposition, crosses and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service.

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, 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.

BIRTHDAYS: A very Happy Birthday to our dear **Fr George** who celebrates this Sunday, 24 March. Also celebrating on 24 March is **Cath Hodge** who turns 97. Happy Birthday and well done Cath! Everyone is most welcome to please join us after 10am Mass for Fr George's Birthday Morning Tea.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: The Palm Sunday Procession will begin from the Presbytery yard. The Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum Roster has been emailed to participants and is displayed in the Church foyer.

2ND RITE RECONCILIATION: All are welcome to attend the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday at 5pm.

PASCHAL MEAL: For catering purposes, if you will be attending the Paschal Meal following Reconciliation on Wednesday, please place your name on the RSVP sheet which is in the Church foyer. Alternatively, please phone (and leave a message) or email the Parish office with your acceptances by Tuesday: 4474 2024/moruya@cg.org.au. Cost will be \$10pp and payable on the evening.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: will be commissioned at the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass and all are expected to attend.

BODALLA MASS: Bodalla Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 24 March at 3pm. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION: This Sixth Sunday of Lent, please help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold the dignity of all people by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes which are still available in the Church foyer. You can also donate by visiting cartitas.org.au/project – compassion or by phoning 1800 024 413. Please return envelopes and boxes at the Holy Thursday, 7pm Mass.