



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



1ST RECONCILIATION: The children from St Mary's will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation following 5:30pm Mass on **Tuesday, 28 March.**



FR ANTHONY ANNIVERSARY:

Fr Anthony will be celebrating his 19th Anniversary of Priesthood this **Monday, 27 March.** All parishioners are warmly invited to 5:30pm Mass followed by a celebratory banquet in the Presbytery. Please bring a plate and BYO. NB: In gratitude to God for the gift of Priestly vocations, those who wish to give a "love offering" to Fr Anthony, who will kindly share your donation to the Seminarians for their education.

Westpac Acct Name: Anthony Consulta Riosa BSB: 732-778 Acct 839361. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

PASCHAL MEAL: If Parishioners could indicate their attendance for the Paschal Meal on **Wednesday of Holy Week** it would be appreciated. Please add your name to the list in the Church foyer.

GARDEN WORKING BEE: Thank you to all our wonderful Parishioners who came along last Saturday and weeded, whipper snipped and generally tidied up the Church grounds, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

MULTICULTURAL MASS: You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral on **Sunday, 16 April at 11am** – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month at 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



5th Sunday of Lent

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March 25 & 26 2023

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Resurrection hope is the central theme of the Scripture **readings** for the fifth Sunday of Lent. We can see the progression in themes from the thirst for living water (on the third Sunday of Lent), through the desire to be healed of our spiritual blindness (IV Sunday) to our ultimate desire to share in eternal life with the risen Lord (V Sunday). Death and resurrection are the themes that permeate today's **Scripture** lessons.

The **Psalmist** awaits Yahweh's redemption both for himself and for Israel. In his vision, Ezekiel, in the **first reading**, bears witness to the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. He guarantees his community in exile that Yahweh will one day bring them back to live in the freedom of the Promised Land. He assures his people that not even death will stop God from carrying out this promise. Yahweh states "I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel". St Paul, in the **second reading**, assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death, that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us will give life to our mortal bodies. He considers the resurrection for Jesus as a reality, the ground of our faith and the basis for our hope of sharing in Jesus' resurrection.

For John, in today's **gospel**, the raising of Lazarus is the final and greatest sign of Jesus, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of his victory over death at the cost of his own life and a sign anticipating his resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. The readings assure us that our faith in Jesus, who is "the resurrection and the life" promises our participation in resurrection and new life.

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: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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 Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

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

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **"Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go"**: We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred and uncontrollable anger and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred and guilt. If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair and unhappiness, let us ask Jesus during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of His Holy Spirit into our private lives and liberate us from our tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? When we receive the sacrament of reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command *"Come out!"* This is good news for all of us *"Lazarus, come out!"* This can be the beginning of a new life.

2) **We need to be ready to welcome death at any time**: We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war and terrorist activities. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, eating habits, and physical neglect. The most important question is: am I ready to face my death? All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time in the near future. Let us be wise, well-prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time arrives.

NOTICE 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 Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Lyn Timms, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

25 & 26 March



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