

**FIRST GOSPEL - ENTRANCE****Matthew 21: 1-11**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem

all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the crowds said,

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

**FIRST READING****Isaiah 50:4-7**

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.

**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**

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.

**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!**

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
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## FROM HOSANNA TO THE CROSS: ENTERING HOLY WEEK

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

*Dear Parishioners,*

On Palm Sunday, we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, holding palms in our hands and the Gospel of the Passion in our hearts. We begin with joyful procession—"Hosanna to the Son of David!"—yet we soon find ourselves listening to the story of Christ's suffering and death. This movement from praise to the cross captures the heart of our faith and the journey we now enter together.

In the Gospel, Jesus rides into Jerusalem not as a conquering king, but with humility and peace. He knows what lies ahead—betrayal, suffering, and the cross—yet he continues forward in love. This is a powerful sign of hope for us. Jesus does not turn away from human pain or fear; he walks directly into it, carrying our burdens with compassion and courage.

Palm Sunday reminds us that Holy Week is not simply a remembrance of past events, but an invitation to walk closely with Christ today. In our own lives, we know moments of joy and moments of struggle, faithfulness and failure. The Passion assures us that God is present in all of it. Even when voices turn from praise to rejection, Christ remains faithful, offering mercy and love to the very end.

As we enter Holy Week, we are invited to slow down, to pray more deeply, and to make space for God. The liturgies of the coming days—the Last Supper, the Cross, the silence of Holy Saturday—draw us into the great mystery of God's love poured out for the world. They prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter that is already dawning.

Let us walk this sacred week together with trust and hope. May we follow Jesus with humility, carry our crosses with faith, and remain close to him in prayer. As we do, we discover that the path of the cross is not the end, but the way that leads to life, light, and resurrection.

With every blessing,

*Father Josh*



### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**  
36 QUEEN STREET, MORUYA

SAT VIGIL 5.00 PM Mass  
SUN 10.00 AM Mass

**'THE PINES', TUROSS HEAD**  
36 CRADDOCK RD, TUROSS HEAD

SUN 8.00 AM Mass

**'ST. EDMUND'S, BODALLA**  
162 PRINCES HWY, BODALLA

4th SUN 12.00 PM Mass

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

TUE-THURS 5.00 PM Mass  
FRI 9:15 am

**'ST. EDMUND'S, BODALLA**  
162 PRINCES HWY, BODALLA

2ND FRI 9.00 AM Mass

### SYRO MALABAR MASS

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

1<sup>ST</sup> MON 6.00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

TUES - THURS After Mass  
SAT 4.30 PM

### ADORATION

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

TUES & THURS After Mass

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

FIRST SAT 9.00 AM Mass  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

### DEVOTIONS

**SACRED HEART, MORUYA**

**ROSARY**

DAILY After Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRI After Mass

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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL  
CALENDAR**

**Mon 30th** — *Chrism Mass (CBR)*

**Tues 31st**— Tues Holy Week  
5pm

**Wed 1st**—Wed Holy Week  
9.15am - Mass  
6pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reco.

**Thur 2nd**—**Holy Thursday**  
6pm - Mass

**Fri 3rd**—**Good Friday**  
10am - Stations  
3pm - Lord's Passion

**Sat 4th** — **Holy Saturday**  
6pm - Mass

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

A special Good Friday collection in Australia supports the Franciscans in caring for the Holy Land's sacred sites, as well as funding schools, medical centres, and aid for struggling communities. With ongoing conflict in the region, the need is greater than ever— please consider giving generously.



**Second Rite of Reconciliation**

Parishioners are warmly invited to the Second Rite of Reconciliation on **Wednesday 1 April at 6pm** at Sacred Heart, Moruya. This communal celebration is a wonderful way to complete our final preparations for Easter. Our First Reconciliation students will also complete their sacramental program during this celebration. Please join us.

**Stations of the Cross (Good Friday).**

All are warmly invited to join us for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya. Come and walk with Christ on His journey to the Cross, entering more deeply into His love and sacrifice as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



**Chrism Mass**

You're warmly invited to the Chrism Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka. Join us as the sacred oils are blessed and priests renew their promises. Mass begins at 5:00pm. All are welcome.

**St. Mary's Easter Liturgy**

All families, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to our whole school Easter Liturgy on Holy Thursday, 2 April at 9:00am in the St Mary's Performing Arts Centre (school hall). Together, we will reflect on the Easter story—the heart of our faith—through drama and song led by our students. It is always a beautiful and moving celebration.

We would love you to join us.



**'Cor ad cor loquitor' - 'Heart speaks to heart'**  
 ~St. John Henry Newman



Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

**WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...  
 OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton, Marlene Moore, Fr. Frank Fuchs, Ian Cheeseman.

**FOR OUR SICK**

For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners Fr. Michael Mullen, Gerry Ebbelaar, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hahn and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny Hopkins, Patricia Murphy, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Sylvia Heffernan, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery, Mark Chatto, Norma and Graham Beer.

**YOUR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT A LOT...**

**First Collection  
 (Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)**

A/C Name: Central Presbytery Fund, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account: 00029248  
 Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g., Moruya Smith 1st collection)

**Second Collection  
 (Maintenance/upkeep of the Churches, staff salaries, liturgical needs, insurance, etc.)**

A/C Name: Sacred Heart, Moruya, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account:000014984 Reference: Planned Giving # & Surname (current givers) or "Donation" (new givers).

**MORUYA ROSTERS**

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	28th/29th March	4th/5th April	28th/29th March	4th/5th April	30th March	7th April
SAT 5pm	C. Cahill C. Palise	D. McCann D. Moore	T. Cahill	T. Cahill	G. Campbell C. Gandy	R. Parnell T. Chatto
SUN 10am	B. Gillett J. Gillett	H. Browne I. Browne	J. Gillett	J. Morris		

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT**

**Parish Safeguarding Commitment:** At Sacred Heart Parish, we're deeply committed to creating a safe, respectful, and caring environment for all children and vulnerable people. We believe everyone deserves to be heard, valued, and protected—and we work together with families to make sure their voices are always part of the conversation.

**Communicating Concerns:** Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns by contacting Father Josh or the Parish Office. For matters specifically related to safeguarding, please reach out to our Parish Safeguarding Officers—Louise Strahlendorf, or Peter Hoban—via email at moruya.safeguarding@cg.org.au. Additionally, you may contact Maria Hicks, Manager of the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or by phone on 02 6239 9806.

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