

FIRST READING**Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11****(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**1 Peter 1:17-21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors

handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Luke 24:52****Alleluia, alleluia!****Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:****make our hearts burn with love when you speak.****Alleluia!****Luke 24:13-35****GOSPEL**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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ROAD TO EMMAUS: HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

This week's Gospel of the road to Emmaus offers us a deeply familiar and hope-filled image of the Christian life. Two disciples walk away discouraged, weighed down by confusion and disappointment. Yet, in the midst of their uncertainty, the risen Jesus draws near and walks with them.

At first, they do not recognise him. How often is that true for us? Christ is present in our lives—in our struggles, our questions, even in our disappointments—yet we do not always see him. Still, he does not leave us. He patiently walks alongside us, listens, and gently opens our hearts.

It is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are finally opened. In that moment, everything changes. What was confusion becomes clarity, what was heaviness becomes hope. Their hearts burn within them because they have encountered the risen Lord.

This Gospel is both reassuring and invitational. It reassures us that we are never alone—Christ walks with us, even when we do not recognise him. And it invites us to be attentive: to listen to his Word, to encounter him in the Eucharist, and to allow him to transform our hearts.

The response of the disciples is immediate. They return with urgency to share the good news. An encounter with Christ is never meant to be kept to ourselves—it renews us and sends us outward with hope.

As we continue this Easter season, may we take time to recognise the presence of Christ in our daily lives. May we allow our hearts to be set alight by his Word and nourished by his presence. And may we go forth with quiet confidence, sharing the hope we have found.

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

1ST 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 Before Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRI After Mass

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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**

Mon 20th—Mon 3rd Wk Easter

Tues 21st— St. Anselm

Wed 22nd—Wed 3rd Wk Easter

Thurs 23rd—St. George

Fri 24th— St. Fidelis

Sat 25th — ANZAC Day

**“GET UP!...
LISTEN!... GO!”**

FROM THE OFFICE

Parish Office

Over the next two weeks, the office will be open Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 April and Thursday, 30 April. Closed on Wednesday, 22 and Friday, 24 April.

Front wall update

This week, we undertook an investigative excavation behind the front wall of the parish property. This revealed significant root damage to the wall, with potential risk also to the grotto and the concrete slab at the front of the church.

These findings indicate that substantial works will be required, with timely remediation now a priority. Fr Josh and the Parish Finance Council are carefully considering the next steps and will keep the parish informed.



ANZAC Day Mass

On Saturday, 25th April, we commemorate ANZAC Day. This year, we will be having a special Mass to commemorate the fallen and those who have served. Mass will be at 9 am in Sacred Heart.

Project Compassion

A basket is placed in front of the pulpit for the return of Project Compassion boxes over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity—your support helps provide clean water, education, healthcare, and sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable communities around the world.

Good Shepherd Appeal – Next Weekend

Next weekend we take up the Good Shepherd Appeal to support the formation of our seminarians. With seven men currently in formation, we are truly blessed—this is the fruit of your prayer and faith. Their formation costs around \$350,000 each year (combined), so I warmly invite you to give generously. Thank you also for the warm welcome you gave our seminarian, Dylan House, last weekend. Please continue to keep him—and all our seminarians—in your prayers.



ANTIPHONS FOR MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



'Cor ad cor loquitur' - '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

David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysen, 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. Josh, Fr. Michael Mullin, Gerry Ebbelaar, Christopher Morris, Lee Maat, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Han 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

Readers		Ministers of Holy Communion			Counters	
Mass	18/19 April	25/26 April	18/19 April	25/26 April	20 April	27 Apr 2026
SAT 5pm	M. Joyce M. Munce	J. Heffernan C. Palise	T. Cahill	F. Levi	D. Fee T. Chatto	G. Campbell L. O'Connor
SUN 10am	R. Zammit C. Mackin	H. Browne I. Browne	J. Morris	J. Gillett		

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—Pauline Parnell, 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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