

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, alleluia.

**FIRST READING****Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41**

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.  
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the  
Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud  
voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain  
that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified  
both Lord and Christ.'  
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to  
Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do,  
brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and  
every one of you must be baptised in the name of  
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you  
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise  
that was made is for you and your children, and  
for all those who are far away, for all those whom  
the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to  
them for a long time using many arguments, and  
he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse  
generation.' They were convinced by his  
arguments, and they accepted what he said and  
were baptised. That very day about three  
thousand were added to their number.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall  
want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing  
punishment patiently when you are punished after  
doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do,  
because Christ suffered for you and left an  
example for you to follow the way he took. He had  
not done anything wrong, and there had been no  
perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not  
retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he  
made no threats but he put his trust in the  
righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his  
own body on the cross, so that we might die to our  
faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you  
have been healed. You had gone astray like  
sheep but now you have come back to the  
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****John 10:14****Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL****John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who  
does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but  
gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand.  
The one who enters through the gate is the  
shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in,  
the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his  
own sheep and leads them out. When he has  
brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and  
the sheep follow because they know his voice.  
They never follow a stranger but run away from  
him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'  
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to  
understand what he meant by telling it to them.  
So Jesus spoke to them again:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down  
his life for his sheep and willingly died for his  
flock, alleluia.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**  
YEAR A | 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

## LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

*Dear Parishioners,*

This Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday—always brings a real sense of comfort. Jesus speaks to us in such a simple and familiar way: **“I am the gate... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”** To really appreciate this Gospel, it helps to picture what shepherding was like in Jesus' time. At night, sheep from different flocks would be gathered together into one enclosure. But when morning came, each shepherd would call—and his sheep would recognise his voice. They would separate themselves from the others and follow him. It's a beautiful image: they are not forced or driven, but known and gently led. Jesus is that Shepherd for us. In the midst of so many voices competing for our attention, he calls each of us by name. His voice doesn't lead us into confusion or fear, but into peace, purpose, and life. And he gently reminds us that not every voice we hear is one that leads us to life.

Then Jesus takes the image even further—he tells us that he is also the gate. In those times, the shepherd would often lie across the entrance of the sheepfold at night, quite literally becoming the gate. Nothing could come in or go out without passing through him. It meant that the shepherd placed himself between the sheep and any danger—ready to lay down his life for them. And this is exactly what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we find both protection and nourishment. He is the one who leads us out to life and brings us back to safety. Each day, in simple and ordinary ways, we are invited to stay close to him—in prayer, in the Sacraments, and in the life of the Church. It is here that we find the life he promises, a life that is full and overflowing.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we also give thanks for the many priests who have served our parish over the years. Through their ministry, Christ the Good Shepherd has been present among us—guiding, teaching, forgiving, and caring for his people. Their generosity and quiet sacrifice have shaped our community in ways we may never fully see, and we thank God for them.

Let us take a moment this week to listen a little more closely for the Lord's voice, to trust him a little more deeply, and to follow where he leads. And let us continue to pray for vocations, that more men will hear that same call and respond with generous hearts.

Many blessings in the Good Shepherd,

*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 Before Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRI After Mass

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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL  
CALENDAR**

**Mon 27th**—St. Louis de Montfort

**Tues 28th**— No Mass

**Wed 29th**— St. Catherine  
of Sienna

**Thurs 30th**—Thurs of 4<sup>th</sup> Week  
Easter

**Fri 1st**— St. Joseph the Worker

**Sat 2nd** — Anointing Mass

**Parish Office**

The office is closed Wednesday, 22 and Friday, 24 April; and will be open Thursday, 30 April.



**Bodalla Mass**

Mass this Sunday, 26 March at St Edmund's Bodalla at 12 o'clock and lunch afterwards at the Bodalla Pub. All Welcome

**Project Compassion**

In front of the pulpit, you will find a basket where you can return your Project Compassion boxes in the coming weeks. Thank you for your generous support.

**Planned Giving Envelopes**

Please advise the Parish Office if you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope program for the next financial year. Alternatively, if you would like to move away from this form of giving to a Direct Debit arrangement, please advise the office by emailing [moruya@cg.org.au](mailto:moruya@cg.org.au).



**First Eucharist Enrolment Evening**

Parents of children in Year 4 are warmly invited to enrol their child for First Holy Communion.

This year features a *renewed program* that not only prepares children for the sacrament but also forms them as disciples of Christ, deepening their faith and connection to the Church.

The Enrolment Evening will be held on **Tuesday, 5 May**, at Sacred Heart Church, **beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass.**

We look forward to journeying with your family.

**Good Shepherd Appeal – This Weekend**

This weekend we take up the Good Shepherd Appeal, supporting the formation of our seminarians. With seven men currently in formation, our diocese is truly blessed—this is the fruit of your prayer and faith. The combined cost of their formation is around \$350,000 each year, so I warmly encourage you to give as generously as you are able to help form the shepherds of the future. Thank you for your continued prayer, generosity, and support.



In 2026, Archbishop Christopher Prowse has designated **"GET UP!... LISTEN!... GO!"**

as the Archdiocese's pastoral focus, emphasizing Encounter, Discipleship, and Mission in Evangelisation. It highlights Jesus' ministry of calling people from passivity into action, restoring life and dignity through His divine authority.

**'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**

David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysen, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton, Marlene Moore.

**FOR OUR SICK**

For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners. For Fr. Michael Mullen, Gerry Ebbelaar, Christopher Morris, 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**

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	25/26 April	2 & 3 May	25/26 April	2 & 3 May	27 April	4 May
SAT 5pm	J. Heffernan C. Palise	M. Croese S. Heffernan	F. Levi	J. Wain	G. Campbell L. O'Connor	R. Parnell C. Gandy
SUN 10am	H. Browne I. Browne	G. Strahlendorf P. Pollock	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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or by phone on 02 6239 9806.

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