

FIRST READING**Acts 10:34. 37-43**

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead. Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

EASTER SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**1 Cor 5:7-8****Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**John 20:1-9**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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EASTER SUNDAY

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TRIUMPH OF LOVE: CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS! SURREXIT VERE! CHRIST IS RISEN!

On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the greatest joy our faith offers: Christ is risen! The tomb is empty, the stone rolled away, and death itself has been defeated by the power of God's love. This is not just a story from long ago—it is a living truth that reaches into our hearts today.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' resurrection is the ultimate act of love. He chose to endure suffering, the cross, and death out of love for each of us. His love is so strong, so personal, that nothing—not fear, not sin, not even death—could hold him. In triumph over the grave, Christ opens the way for us to share in eternal life with him.

Easter is a celebration of hope. No matter the challenges we face, no matter the darkness in our lives, the resurrection reminds us that God's love is greater. It is patient, steadfast, and transformative. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too are invited to rise above despair, guilt, or fear, and to live as people renewed in grace and joy.

This Easter, let us allow the love of Christ to fill us completely. Let it heal our hearts, guide our decisions, and inspire our actions. May it give us courage to forgive, to serve, and to love others generously, reflecting the same boundless love that led Jesus to the cross and beyond.

As we celebrate this day of victory, let us rejoice with all our hearts. Christ's resurrection is proof that love triumphs over death, and that we are never abandoned. We are called to live in this love, to share this hope, and to carry the light of the risen Lord into our families, communities, and the world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Your brother in the Risen Lord,

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 6th**—Easter Mon.
- Tues 7th**—Easter Tues.
- Wed 8th**—Easter Wed.
- Thurs 9th**—Easter Thurs.
- Fri 10th**—Easter Fri.
- Sat 11th**—Easter Sat.

Welcome Home This Easter

This Easter, you are warmly invited. Whether you come to Mass every week, occasionally, or perhaps haven't been in years, you are truly welcome here. Easter is a time of new life, new beginnings, and renewed hope. It is a reminder that no matter where we've been or how long it's been, Christ always calls us back with love. There is a place for you. There is a seat for you. There is a community ready to welcome you. Come and encounter the joy of the Resurrection. Come and be reminded that you are known, loved, and never alone.

Welcome home.



Guidelines for Communion

Holy Communion is a sacred encounter with Jesus Christ. The Church invites those who receive to be baptised Catholics who believe in the true presence of the Eucharist and are properly prepared.

If that is not where you are today, please know you are still very much part of this moment of prayer and are kindly invited to refrain from receiving Communion.

Those not receiving—whether you are not Catholic or not yet prepared—are warmly welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this by folding your arms across your chest as you approach the minister. You may also choose to remain in your seat in quiet reflection. Wherever you are on your journey, you are sincerely welcome here.



Our Microphone has had its Last Rites

As the priest's roving microphone prepares to enter palliative care, we give thanks for its faithful service over many years.

A clear microphone helps ensure that everyone can hear and participate fully in the Mass. If you are able, we warmly invite you to contribute towards a new one. Thank you for your generosity—and for helping us keep the Good News clearly heard!



ANTIPHONS FOR MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

'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

Adele White, 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. For Fr. Michael Mullen, Gerry Ebbelaar, 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 | 4th/5th April | 11th/12th April | 4th/5th April | 11th/12th April | 7 April | 13 April |
| SAT 5pm | See Roster in foyer | C. Cahill C. Colleen | T. Cahill | F. Levi | R. Parnell T. Chatto | T. Monaghan T. Cahill |
| SUN 10am | See Roster in foyer | B. Gillett P. Pollock | 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—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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