

# Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya

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Parish Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday, 10am - 1pm

Administrator

**Assistant Priest** Fr. Dominic Byrne Fr. John Armstrong

Parish Deacon Emeritus

Rev. Paul Rummery

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Mrs. Rachel Glover

### **PARISH SCHOOLS**

St Mary's Primary School "In All Things May God Be Glorified" Principal: Mr. Mick Lowe. 44742817 Carroll College - Regional Co-educational "Learning For Life" Principal: Mr. Steve Bath. 4471 5600

	9th - 15th January			
Monday 9th	The Baptism of the Lord			
	Liturgy of the Word	9.15am		
Tuesday 10th	Mass	5.30pm		
Wednesday 11th	Mass	9.15am		
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 4pm				
Thursday 12th	Mass at Bodalla	9.00am		
Friday 13th	Saint Hilary			
	Mass	9.15am		
Adoration/Prayer	for Marriage, Families & Pec	ace 7-8pm		
Saturday 14th	Rosary	9.30am		
	Reconciliation	10.30am		
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm		
Sunday 15th	Mass at The Pines, Tuross	8.00am		
	Mass	10.00am		



Where is Fr John this week? Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in Moruya.

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday in Batemans Bay.



Where is Fr Dominic this week? Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday in Moruya. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in Batemans Bay.

## **Rest In Peace**

We pray that God may welcome into alory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially Thomas Brown and Amilda McCabe.

Altar Linen:	January	Jan Morris	
Counting:	9th January	Chris Heffernan	Tony Monaghan
Flowers:	13th/14th January	Fay Goff	Karen Motyka
	Saturday 14th January 6pm	Sunday 15th January 8am	Sunday 15th January 10am
Ministers	Ron Parnell Jeff Prow	Jo Rummery Barry Hoban	Di Ebbelaar Jan Morris
Readers	Annette Nader Rheannan	Lorraine Moore Rita Downie	Barbara McCormack Cathy Cahill
Altar Servers	Nathaniel Matilda		Jessica Isaac

### What's On Monthly

1st Thursday MenAlive group meeting 10am **2nd Thursday** Mass at St Edmunds, Bodalla 9am **1st Friday** Anointing Mass 3rd Friday

Mass at Banksia Village with Fr Murphy, 10.30am. 1st Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart, 9.15am





# Please pray for the people who are sick in our Parish especially:

Frank Byrne, Barbara Kirk, Aart Kop, Joan Talbot, Judy Lewis, Joan Ranken, Mark Woolley, Justin Zutt, Narelle Connaughton, Norman Collins, Eunice Priestley, Marie Irwin, Reg Corbett, Marie McLean, Fr Kevin Murphy, Michelle Zutt, Barry Stephens, Justin and Kylie, Lori-Anne Foran and Pierre Walker.

## A Message from Fr John

At whose feet do we lay our gifts? This question can determine the direction in which our lives can develop. This is all about what consumes our time, our talent and our treasure. We called to review what we spend our lives engaged with. The three most useful tools for discernment are our diaries, our journals and our bank statements. They tell us where we are spending our time, what we are reflecting on and where we store our treasure. This is all fruit for prayerful reflection. Fundamentally does our life revolve around us and building our own kingdom or do we seek to centre on what God desires for us? Often there is a fear in letting God into our decision making because we do not know which direction this will lead us. Especially in an age of personal autonomy, we can believe that our choices are more important than God's desires for us. The central principle of the Christian life, however, that God desires for us a life which will bring our choices into union with the divine life. We are incarnate, body and spirit. What we do reflects how we are called to be in communion with God.



Scaffolding will be soon erected and work will commence on the Archway on Monday 9th January.

Mass will be celebrated in the Church as usual.

We thank you for your patience while these restorations are being carried out.

There is a beautiful and ancient Christian tradition of marking the main door of a house or building with chalk that has been blessed in Church on Epiphany Sunday. It is a house blessing which reminds us of the Incarnation and invites God to be part of our home and lives in the new year that lies ahead. is a perfect thing to do which works on many different levels. It invites Christ to be with all those who live in the house or work or worship in the building. It invokes a blessing on those who come into the house and on us as we go out into the world. It is a reminder of Christ's presence in every room of the house, in every conversation, in every joy, in every disappointment, in every moment and beating heart.

It also works as a way of involving those who can't come to Church any longer in the life of the parish, and tells and shows them they are not forgotten by the Church or by God. Even if they only leave their homes occasionally, when they do, they will see the mark of the chalk on the doorframe and remember that they are loved and remembered in

It also acts as a way of starting some interesting conversations with those who come to the door and ask what the chalk marks mean. Often we wait for someone to ask us what we believe or why we go to Church or what it all means or why it matters. Marking our doors offers that on a plate.

It is a beautiful way of marking the Epiphany, the New Year, the Incarnation, the endurance of the Wise Men and the presence of God with us always and everywhere.

Copies of the Epiphany Blessing and chalk are available in the foyer.

13, 20, 27 February and 6 March 2017 - ACU Short Course on "Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection". Australian Catholic University (ACU), 223 Antill Street Watson ACT 2602.

An opportunity to explore the meaning of Jesus' suffering, crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection, with experts from the ACU School of Theology. ACU invites registrations for this upcoming Short Course, which is open to the public. Cost: \$100 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance. \$50 for attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available. **Registration:** http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses Click on the 'Canberra' page. Registration is essential by 13 February. **Details:** shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

## 13 – 16 April - Light to the Nations (LTTN) Easter Youth Pilgrimage

Biannual event for Catholics ages 16+. Camp under the open skies with a thousand other young people and celebrate the Easter Triduum. More information and registration www.lttn.org.au Contact info@lttn.org.au

## Year of Youth 2018

The Catholic Bishops of Australia extend an invitation to Catholics across the country to join in celebrating a Year of Youth from the beginning of Advent 2017 to the end of 2018. The theme is, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment'. The emphasis is on local discussion and dialogue in parishes, schools, youth groups and dioceses. Information is available at, www.youth.catholic.org.au

## **Welcoming Jesus in Lent**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites you to share in their 2017 Lenten journey. During the six weeks of Lent, Archbishop Christopher Prowse will present a series of video reflections on the Gospel readings. Welcoming Jesus in Lent is a great resource for parish based groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals. Pre-order now at www.faithresources.org.au