



Sacred Heart Parish

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Tuross Caring Group: 0497 315 534 **Moruya Caring Group:** 0431 354 993 **PARISH SCHOOLS:** St Mary's Primary School Acting Principal: Mrs. Noelene O'Neill. **Carroll College** Principal: Mrs Jacqueline Heffernan.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday at The Pines, Tuross 8am; Sacred Heart Moruya 10am. **Weekday Masses:** Monday Communion Service 9.15am; Weekday Masses 9.15am. Reconciliation: 10.30-11am

Baptisms, Anointing of the Sick, Weddings and Funerals by appointment. **First Sacraments Scheduled** - First Reconciliation 1st March; Confirmation 1st June; First Eucharist 15th September.

For the sick: Patrick Barter, Fay Goff, Barbara Kirk, Joan Ranken, Eunice Priestley, Fr Kevin Murphy, Justin and Kylie, Lori-Anne Foran, Catherine Hulse, Gerri Maynard, Frank Honan, Kath Hodges, Julie Kay, Joy Jaensch, Kerrie Cooper, Ted Lewis, Therese Wood, Clair Holmes, Sylvia Heffernan, Serge Dobson, Julia Hanslow, David Simpson, Viola Connellan, Graham Beer, Mark Strahlendorf, Eddie Hybler, Declan Holmes, Justin Laplow and Lincoln Gett.

Rest In Peace Mario Colalillo, Shane Madden and Vince Honan.

The Season of Ordinary Time Week 3

Timetable



of this week

TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Mon, 28/1 9.15am	Moruya	Communion Service
Tues, 29/1 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Wed, 30/1 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Thurs, 31/1 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Fri, 1/2 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Also 10am	Vulcan Café, Moruya	Moruya Caring Group
Sat, 2/2 9.15am	Moruya	Mass of Our Lady
10.30am	Moruya	Reconciliation
6pm	Moruya	Vigil Mass
Sun, 3/2 8am	The Pines, Tuross Heads	Sunday Mass
10am	Moruya	Sunday Mass
Mon 4/2 9.15am	Moruya	Communion Service
Tues 5/2 5.30pm	Moruya	Mass
Wed, 6/2 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Thurs 7/2 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
10.30am	The Club, Tuross Heads	Tuross Heads Caring Group

MASS TIMES: As mentioned last weekend, I apologise for not explaining properly the matter of Tuesday Mass time. Having heard from a few people now, it seems best to go back to the 5.30pm time. This will start on the first Tuesday in February (ie, 5th). Up till then, it will be at 9.15am.

On Saturday, February 2, as the First Saturday of the month; we will be having the usual Mass at 9.15am in honour of Our Lady, with Reconciliation to follow (at 10.30-11am).

CARING GROUP MEETINGS

1. **MORUYA** The next Meeting with an Agenda will be held on Friday 1st February at the Cafe Vulcan. Meet at 10am to purchase coffee and the meeting to start thereafter. Anyone needing a lift please contact us. The gathering at the Cafe each Friday is to provide a place for people to pop in and have a chat. If you

know someone who would like to have a chat, please let them know. Contact 0431354993. 2. **TUROSS HEAD** The Tuross Head Caring Group's Committee will meet regularly on the first Thursday of the month. Their first meeting will be held in the Club at 10.30am Thursday 7th February. Contact: 0439 315 534.

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

Some parishioners currently receive the bulletin by e-mail. If you would like to do so, please us at Moruya@cg.org.au. Readership of the bulletin itself is rising!

BULLETIN & ROSTERS: Thanks to the people who have requested the re-appearance of all the rosters in the bulletin. What we're going to do from next weekend onwards is to bring forward my plans to re-activate the noticeboards with rosters along with other current material. Anyone wanting to put material out for fellow parishioners et al should please from now on follow the traditional practice and bring them to the Parish Office. Please do not simply put them out into the shelves.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

POPE: TODAY, AS 2,000-YEARS AGO, 'SCANDAL' ENSUES WHEN EMBRACING SINNERS

By Andrea Torielli

On Thursday, the feast of the patron saint of journalists, St Francis de Sales, Pope Francis made reference to certain Catholic media outlets while speaking to the Bishops of Central America. He said the result of evangelization is based neither on the material means at our disposal, nor on the quantity of events that we organize, but "on the centrality of compassion".

"I am worried about how the compassion of Christ has lost a central place in the Church, even among Catholic groups, or is being lost – not to be so pessimistic. Even in the Catholic media there is a lack of compassion. There is schism, condemnation, cruelty, exaggerated self-praise, the denouncing of heresy..."

His words are like a 'photograph' of a reality which unfortunately is plain for all to see: the spread – even among media that proclaim to be Catholic – of the habit of wanting to judge everything and everyone by putting one's self on a pedestal and raging against one's brothers and sisters in the faith who have different opinions.

We should not believe that such a profoundly anti-Christian attitude (even if conveyed under 'Catholic' auspices) is a transitory phenomenon, linked only to the daily criticism of the present pontificate. In fact, at the root of this attitude lies something deeper and less incidental: the belief that in order to exist and confirm my identity, I must always find an enemy against which to direct my rage. Someone to attack, someone to condemn, someone to judge heretical.

Example of Jesus On this point, Jesus' witness presents itself as a total change, which unravels acquired traditions and stratified behaviors, challenging the "high-thinkers" of every age and place.

Pope Francis explained to the young detainees that Jesus was not afraid to approach those who, for various reasons, bore the burden of social hatred. The Pope said Jesus ate at the home of publicans and sinners, scandalizing everyone. "Jesus approaches others, compromises, puts his reputation on the line, and always invites us to look towards a horizon capable of renewing life and history".

Many, however, cannot abide this choice of the Son of God, preferring to freeze and stigmatize the behavior of those who have made mistakes by labeling not only the past but also the present. In doing so, we sow only division and the separation of the good from the bad, the just from the sinners. We raise invisible walls, believing that by marginalizing and isolating, the problem has been solved.

Instead, nearly every page of the Gospel shows us a different attitude, a Copernican revolution, which passes through the eyes of Jesus, who was capable of looking at people not for the mistakes, sins or crimes they have committed, but for what their lives could become if touched by mercy, compassion, and the infinite love of God Who embraces you before judging you.

This gaze, said the Pope, is born from the heart of God.

AUSTRALIA DAY REFLECTION:

SOUTH LAND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

-Fr Michael Tate
The Beatitudes are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are overturned. Our Lord wants to create a new society where the old rules of engagement are superseded, especially in relation to enmity and violence. In fact, in the Sermon on the Mount all forms of resolving disputes, starting with families (spouses, brothers) are turned upside down. And we are a 'Land Down Under'.

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted over the millennia to forge a new future. First, the original inhabitants coming down through Asia, and then the settlers, migrants and refugees of the last 220 years. (Of course, the convicts were a less voluntary part of the movement of peoples!) Most were attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in Europe, and more recently in the Middle East or Africa or Asia or Central or South America.

People were and are prepared to take the risk of being dis-located, of re-locating because of that vision of a different future, particularly a future not determined by the violence of feud and warfare which had characterised their homelands for generations, centuries, and even millennia.

They come because they aspire to be someone different, to do something different, in ways not predetermined by centuries of custom and tradition in their home society.

Is this movement of people to Australia a 'chance event'? Is it just another phase of world history? No. I recall walking down a corridor in the Vatican, the wall of which was painted with a map of the world. Where Australia is, there was just ocean blue. It was painted before European explorers began to map our coastline! Those mapping expeditions gave us our name 'Australia'? De Quiros, the great Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. Right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit.

I am confident that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, no chance event in world history but a gathering of peoples for a Divine purpose.

One of the most distinctive works of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic, tribal and language barriers between people. That is why Christi-

anity spread like wild fire across the Roman Empire. Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is felt very strongly. People from every nation, tribe, ethnic, and religious group on the face of the earth have relocated here and are creating a new sort of society. Human beings can relate to each other free from past structures of oppression and division in their old homeland societies. They have come, in their millions, to escape the histories of societies where everyone 'knew their place', to a land where we relate to each other for our inherent worth. Hence the great Australian characteristic: 'egalitarianism'.

Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Our treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

Our treatment of those genuinely fleeing persecution in their homelands falls short of what the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But on the whole, we are creating a version of the Kingdom of God under the Southern Cross of which we can be proud.

So, Australians All, let us rejoice – For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare, For our freedom to share life in our 'Common-Wealth', For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this Australia del Espiritu Santo, South Land of the Holy Spirit.

OTHER AUSTRALIA DAY MATTERS

Theme of 2019:

"Everyone, every story"

Address by Hugh Mackay AO on compassion:

<https://www.australiaday.com.au/events/australia-day-address/2019-speaker-hugh-mackay>

Let us recognise the feelings of the original owners of this land, our indigenous members, that together we may find a way forward that expresses our unity, as this format is not working for so many of them.

"People who love love to listen"

