



# 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: 10.30-11 am

**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:** Zelma Faye Hundy

## The Season of Ordinary Time

### Week 4

## Timetable

## of this week

TIME	PLACE	EVENT
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 10.30am	IRT	Mass
Fri 8/2 9.15am	Moruya	Anointing Mass
Sat 9/2 10.30am	Moruya	Penance
Thurs 14/2 9.15am	Mass at Bodalla	St Edmunds
Fri 15/2 10.30am	Mass at Broulee	Banksia Village

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:** Welcome (or welcome back!) to all students, parents and teachers engaging with St Mary's Primary School and Carroll College.

With both schools in this parish having new Heads, and me new at the parish, 2019 begins the school year in a very special way.

### TUROSS HEAD EVENTS

The Caring Group's Committee is on Thursday at 10.30am. Contact: 0439 315 534.

**Friday 15th 10.30am.** Café Vulcan, Moruya.

**ELECTRICITY BILL CHECK.** Bring along your current one.

**Thursday 21st 10.30am.** Tuross Country Club elec-

tricity bill to compare with others for best prices.

**Friday 22nd 10 – 1.30pm** Kyla Park Hall, Tuross. **SENIORS DANCE TEA AND 'LOVE YOUR LIFE EXPO'.** Apart from entertainment, the caring groups have been invited to be one of the information stalls. Helpers please. Phone if you need transport. **MARCH:** Tuross 21/3, Moruya 22/3. Council Education Officer to give a talk on **RECYCLING.**

**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.

Eucharistic ministers, readers and counters can check the sheet, if needs be, when you come in the Main Entrance. Thanks to all for what you are doing for the good of the parish. 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 on the board or into the shelves.

**LITURGY MEETING** With most people who have been away now back, I would like to have an open meeting with all Eucharistic ministers, proclaimers (alias Readers), sacristans, altar servers, etc. We'll go through the Mass together. Please email (or get someone to assist you in a joint message) stating your role and contact information: email, phone, address, etc, and what day and time would suit you best.

If you are not doing any of the above, but used to/would like to, come along and we can talk about how things could work well. We need you! Please don't assume that how things are or were applies in the future: maybe it doesn't. I don't know, but I am ready to listen.

**CODE OF CONDUCT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS** There are a few parishioners who need to collect their Code of Conduct & Acknowledgement forms which are in the foyer of the Church.

### VISITATION FORMS & PRAYERS FOR SICK/DECEASED:

We are just re-working these things to bring them up to date. They will be ready by next week.

**NEW MOBILE NUMBER:** After a long and complicated procedure, I have abandoned my old mobile number and now have a new one. I thank the kind staff at Telstra, Batemans Bay, but the situation became an impasse. My new number is 0478 073 995. Please continue to contact me through our parish secretary, reliable Rachel, as she can help you with more things than I can. If I'm in, she can hand the phone over to me or take a message for me.

**GARDEN PROJECT** I would like parishioners interested in our garden next Sunday at 11.30am at Moruya. Your interest may lie in doing some gardening (including mowing!); it may lie in talking about our gardens, making suggestions, comments, etc

Specifically, there are two projects - 1. We have a fine plaque for our deceased member, Lynn Place. The matter of her love of our grounds, and all grounds, we need a group of people to come together and do what was agreed on last year. The little garden in front of the presbytery should be the location for honouring Lynn. 2. The late Shane Madden also deserves to be honoured. His family members are just in the process of working out what it might look like.

**CALL FOR END TO SLAVERY** In 2015, Pope Francis declared February 8 to be the annual day of prayer and action against trafficking. The day coincides with the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese saint who is patron saint of victims of slavery.

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) are inviting Catholics to mark St Bakhita's Day next Friday and at weekend Masses on February 9-10. They have also called for Australia to have a four-fold commitment to slavery prevention, victim protection, the legal prosecution of perpetrators, and to creating partnerships for change. This commitment begins with awareness raising and action to eliminate slavery in all its forms at a diocesan, parish, school, family and personal level.

The Catholic organisations have applauded the many people who fought hard for a decade to see gains made in 2018 with the passing of Australia's Modern Slavery Act, which came into effect on January 1. CRA president Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ said the day of prayer "gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we do and what we buy and if necessary, to commit to act differently in order to work towards the elimination of slavery".

**THE BALM OF KINDNESS** Contemplation breaks us open to ourselves. "The nearer we draw to God," Abba Mateos said, "the more we see ourselves as sinners." We see ourselves as we really are and, knowing ourselves we cannot condemn the other. We remember with a blush the public sin that made us mortal. We recognize with dismay the private sin that curls within us in fear of exposure. Then the whole world changes when we know ourselves. We gentle it. The fruit of self-knowledge is kindness. Broken ourselves, we bind tenderly the wounds of the other. The most telling measure of the meaning of kindness in life is memories of unkindness in our own: scenes from a childhood marked by the cruelty of other children, recollections of disdain that scarred the heart, moments of scorn or rejection that leave a person feeling marginalized in the human community. In those moments of isolation, we remember the impact of the fracturing of hope. We feel again the pain that comes with the assault on that sliver of dignity that refuses to die in us, however much the degradation of the moment. It is then that we come to understand that kindness, compassion, understanding, acceptance are the irrefutable marks of holiness because we ourselves have known—or perhaps have never known—the balm of kindness for which we so desperately thirsted in those situations. Kindness is an act of God that makes the dry dust of rejection digestible to the human psyche.

Those who have touched the God within themselves, with all their struggles, all their lack, see God everywhere and, most of all, in the helpless, fragile, frightened other. To be a contemplative it is necessary to take in without reservation those whom the world casts out because it is they who show us most clearly the face of the waiting God.

—from *Illuminated Life* by Joan Chittister (Orbis)

Five weeks left for Listening and Dialogue phase  
Plenary Council president Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says he's expecting another flood of responses from across the country during the final five weeks of the "Listening and Dialogue" phase of the Council. In the eight months since the Listening and Dialogue period commenced at Pentecost, more than 40,000 people have either made a submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission. "Given it's more than 80 years since the last Plenary Council in Australia and given, too, the changes in the Church and society since then, it was impossible to know how many people would take part in this historic process," Archbishop Costelloe said. "To stand here, five weeks from the end of this pivotal opening phase, it is both exciting and humbling to have heard from such large numbers of people and for them to have shared their stories of faith and hope, but also their stories of despair and heartbreak.

"Each of those stories is valuable and meaningful. So will be the stories we receive between now and Ash Wednesday." Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council facilitator, said the Christmas period, as expected, saw another spike in the number of responses. "We knew that many people who have a longstanding connection with Catholic life and culture, if not the weekly ritual of the Church, would attend Christmas Masses and welcome the opportunity to consider the question, 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'" she said.

"Our Christmas card campaign with local dioceses and parishes was designed to encourage everyone to embrace this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help the Church and its people consider our present and our future." Ms Turvey-Collins said while the Listening and Dialogue phase will conclude on Ash Wednesday (March 6), collaboration – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – will be a constant throughout the three-year journey. She said the National Centre for Pastoral Research will identify key themes that have emerged during the Listening and Dialogue period. They will be the focal points for the next step in the process, the Listening and Discernment phase. Details: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).



### LARGEST CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN ARAB WORLD

Pope Francis is set to preside over the largest act of Christian worship in the Arab world ever when he celebrates Mass during the first papal visit to the United Arab Emirates. The 82-year-old Pontiff will next week become the first pope to celebrate an open-air Mass on the Arabian peninsula, which is due to be attended by up to 135,000 people at the Zayed Sports City Stadium.

The events of the Pope's February 3-5 visit will be filmed by the UAE state broadcasters and photographers, which the government has ordered to be made available to other media outlets free of charge.

It is a significant gesture given that during papal trips state television broadcasters normally sell on their footage to other broadcasters for a fee, and the decision by the Muslim majority country demonstrates their desire to capitalise on a historic moment for the UAE.

"We think this Pope is working very hard to harmonise understanding between different religions," said the UAE's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Sulaiman Almazroui. "He has a genuine desire to arrive at balanced thinking of acceptance of Islam minus extremism. And Christianity minus extremism."

The UAE, an oil-rich federation of emirates formally established as a country in 1971, prides itself on being one of the most religiously tolerant states in the Middle East, and has allowed churches to be built in the region since 1965.

St Joseph's Cathedral in Abu Dhabi is home to the largest single congregation in any Muslim-majority country and is situated within walking distance from the "Mary, Mother of Jesus" Mosque, recently renamed to demonstrate the importance of co-existence between the religions.

The country has at least 40 churches and around a million Catholics, many of them migrant workers from southern India and the Philippines who will be among those filling the seats at the Zayed stadium on February 5.

### CATHOLICS HONOURED IN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, Member of the Order of Australia, receiving an "AM" post-nominal. Fr Kevin Bates SM, PP of Hunters Hill, a hymn- and songwriter for parishes, schools and retreats. Fr Paul Pidcock, Marist. Services to education in Lismore. Sr Rita Ann Fitt SGS Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to secondary education. "It's simple ministry. It's