



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, Eddie Hybler, Declan Holmes, Justin Laplow and Lincoln Gett.

Rest In Peace: Zelma Faye Hundy

The Season of Ordinary Time Week 5 Timetable of this week

TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Mon 11/2 9.15am	Moruya	Communion Service
Tues 12/2 5.30pm	Moruya	Mass
Wed, 13/2 9.15am	Moruya	Mass
Thurs 14/2 9.15am	Mass at Bodalla	St Edmunds
Fri 15/2 10.30am	Mass at Broulee	Banksia Village

TUROSS HEAD

The Caring Group
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 -bring your electricity 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 car-

ing 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.

RACHEL GLOVER: Rachel is on leave for a little while. During this time, I'm fully around so, you can reach me on the land line (if I'm in!) or the mobile number.

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.

GARDEN PROJECT I would like parishioners interested in our garden meet today at 11.30am at the church. 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. The plan we have now is a) a framed picture of Shane to be placed on the wall in the foyer of the church with a short text about him; b) the other garden (in front of the Parish Office) will be dedicated to him with similar plants to Lynn Place's flower bed.

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. These are essential to your continuing to do what you are doing.

VISITATION/PRAYER FORMS FOR SICK/DECEASED:

While various points of view are being considered for these forms, in the meantime, please inform the Parish Office directly in person by phone or email. Regarding the names appearing in the bulletin heading above, the names will remain for only 3 weeks from now on, in accordance with a decision taken last year. The plan I've inherited is that all the names will be removed after this edition. If you wish for names to be added, please let us know.

'MORUYA NEWS' If you haven't read the latest edition, two St Mary's kindergarten students, Chael and Hayden, are pictured on page one (with a short article), and many of their fellow class members are on page 9. In between, on page 6, is a fine picture and short article on Jacqui Heffernan as the new Principal of Carroll College.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY March 3.

Last year, 40 cubic meters of rubbish got collected by 200 adults and 'thousands of school students'. Parishioners' participation is encouraged! Businesses on Tuesday, February 26, and Schools on Friday, March 1. Contact Maree Cadman 4474 1343.

CLEANER FOR HOUSE AND CHURCH:

Our cleaner, Mrs Maricel Ceniza, is retiring from this job for health reasons. We thank her for her work here over 4 years. Would all parishioners please help us find another person who would like to do the job? It involves 4 hours per week, currently Fridays 1-5pm. We already have one applicant with whom I am meeting this week. Of course, more are welcome.

CONCERT: David Parkes who will be visiting Batemans Bay on 19th February. St Bernard's Parish will be hosting the Irish Born Musician to a free Concert on Tuesday 19th February 2019, 6pm in the Church. Come along and experience where laughter meets mercy. Enquiries: Rita Condon 0447634280

PLACES OF WORSHIP

A new publication, *Fit for Sacred Use: Stewardship and Renewal of Places of Worship*. It presents a plan for parishes regarding the stewardship and renewal of existing buildings and it helps improve the "cultural literacy" of people within parish communities and therefore helps them make informed decisions about any reordering of churches, also assessing whether a particular item should be retained, re-used, relocated, rebuilt, removed or renewed.

An appendix considers how a parish community could man-

age, in a pastoral way, the closure of a church no longer needed for worship. It can be purchased on the Liturgy Brisbane website.

LENT BEGINS IN ONE MONTH:

Be there at the beginning and at the end.

If you've ever gone through a dark time, you know how important it is to have someone by your side.

"Lent is a road that cries for a companion to light the way, to hold us up, to prod us on. We look to Mary the mother of Jesus, the one who was still there at the end as we, too, hope to be." writes Joan Chittister. And in this Lenten publication, she calls on Mary of Nazareth to be that friend who accompanies us since she herself walked the dark road with Jesus and stayed with Him to the end. Sr Joan calls on a different facet of Mary, the strong woman who is our beacon on the journey. This Lent let Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Light, Mirror of Justice, Cause of Our Joy, Undoer of Knots, Our Lady of Sorrows and Mary, Morning Star be a loving companion. 'Mary, a Beacon to Light the Way' Lent 2019 by Joan Chittister

POPE'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

Human Trafficking In his prayer intention for February 2019, Pope Francis calls us to pray for a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Although we try to ignore it, he says, slavery is not something from other times. Faced with this tragic reality, no one can wash their hands of it without being, in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity. We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today as there was before, or perhaps more.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network of the Apostleship of Prayer developed "The Pope Video" initiative to assist in the worldwide dissemination of monthly intentions of the Holy Father in relation to the challenges facing humanity.

CALVARY HOSPITAL: DEALING WITH CANCER

Calvary Mater Newcastle has unveiled a new app to give patients and their family a "roadmap" to follow after a cancer diagnosis. Launched yesterday to coincide with World Cancer Day 2019, CANcierge provides easily accessible, relevant and reliable information on cancer care at Calvary Mater, the major cancer care centre for the Hunter New England Local Health District.

Medical Oncology Staff Specialist, Associate Professor, Craig Gedye said the app was inspired by the experiences of cancer patients treated at the Calvary Mater.

"Being told you have cancer is a life-changing moment, where you are transported to an unexpected place. The CANcierge App provides a concierge to help people living with cancer navigate this unplanned detour in their lives." Gillian Blanchard, a Calvary Mater oncology nurse and CANcierge project lead, said there were good sources of general information available about cancer and treatment, however, specific details were lacking. "We recognised that members of our community wanted specific information about how cancer treatment and support is delivered to them where they

live – Where do I go? How do I find the clinic? Who can help me solve each problem?" Ms Blanchard said.

"This app has been designed by Calvary Mater Newcastle patients, carers and staff allowing these questions to be answered and the desire for 24/7 information to be met. We are extremely grateful for the kind financial support of the Calvary Mater Newcastle Auxiliary, without their assistance this app couldn't have been developed."

The app allows users to access a wealth of information in one convenient place. Users can record vital information; make note of members on their treating team; find helpful support information; access information about chemotherapy and other treatments; access information about the range of services, amenities and support services at Calvary Mater; access a range of community groups and services, and find links to services and resources to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples affected by cancer related illnesses.

GENERATION Z AND THE QUESTION OF BELIEF

Faith: Generation Z and the question of belief

A recent study finds 52% of Australian teens do not identify with any religion and only 37% believe in God. The Australian Generation Z study by academics from the ANU, Deakin and Monash found that 38% identify as Christian, with Muslims (3%), Buddhist (2%), Hindu (1%) and other religions (2%) totalling 46%. 2% weren't sure.

Not identifying with any religion did not mean no faith or spirituality, but that they did not see themselves identifying with any particular group. They found that 58% of teens aged 13 to 18 never attend any worship service and only 12% attend weekly. (That, by the way, is in line with the adult population.)

These findings are exactly what one would expect, and not desperately negative for religion. Despite the 52% of "nones", fewer than 24% reject the idea of God, while 37% do believe in God and another 30% believe in a higher being or life force (the rest are unsure).

At a time when established religion – along with other institutions such as politics or unions – has never faced greater obstacles, both self-inflicted and from a relentlessly negative mainstream media, it would be astounding if teens were flocking to churches. In other words, while some commentators dismiss today's teens as shallow, screen and self-obsessed, in fact most are morally aware and open-minded.

Of course, every generation despairs about the moral standards of the next. That anxiety was one of the key reasons for the colossal success of the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade in Australia, attended by a third of the population.

Does it matter if Christian faith has lost its critical mass in Australia? One of my highest principles is freedom of conscience in religion, including freedom to reject religion, and I readily agree that one does not need religion to be a kind or good person. After all, many people reject religion for perceived moral reasons.

And yet ... Christianity, with its focus on love of God and neighbour, expands the moral imagination, the social conscience and awareness of others. I have often argued in *The Sunday Age* that people motivated by Christianity have immeasurably enriched Australia. So I regret that the DNA of Christian virtues is receding in the general culture that shapes today's teens. Yet I also believe that those who seek after truth are likely to find it and that, as Jesus promised (John 8:32), it will set them free. -Barney Zwarz, 'The Age'