

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

First Reading **Wisdom 18:6—9** **Gospel Acclamation** **Matt 24:42a,44**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 32(33):1,12,18-20,22**
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.



Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.
‘Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Peter said, ‘Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?’ The Lord replied, ‘What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, “My master is taking his time coming,” and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.’

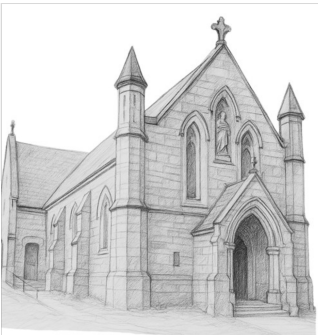
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Sunday Mass
Sacred Heart, Moruya
36 Queen Street, Moruya
Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am,

‘The Pines’, Tuross
36 Craddock Rd, Tuross Head
Sunday: 8.00 am

St. Edmund’s, Bodalla
162 Princes Hwy, Bodalla
4th Sunday: 12 noon

Weekday Mass
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Tuesday: 5.00 pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday: 9.15 am

St Edmund’s, Bodalla
2nd Friday: 9.00 am

Confessions
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Tuesday: After Mass.
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4:50 pm

Adoration
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Fridays: 9:45 am
(After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Daily: 9.45 am

Stations of the Cross
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Wednesdays: After Mass

Beginning the Journey Together, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday at the 10am Mass in Moruya, I will be installed as the Twentieth Parish Priest of Moruya by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. I write to you with deep gratitude and humility as I prepare for this important moment in my ministry.

I want to begin by sincerely thanking Archbishop Christopher for his presence, encouragement, and leadership of our Archdiocese. His steady faith and pastoral heart are a true gift, and I am grateful for the trust he has placed in me. I also wish to acknowledge the many Parish Priests and Administrators who have served this parish before me. Their love, dedication, and leadership have shaped this community through both calm and challenging times. We walk on the shoulders of those who came before us, and I hope to build faithfully on their legacy.

To the people of Moruya, Tuross Heads, and Bodalla, thank you for your warm welcome. I already feel the spirit and kindness of this community. As I begin this new chapter, I come among you not only as your priest but also as your neighbour and brother in Christ. I look forward to journeying with you through life’s joys and struggles, sharing in laughter and tears.

I am also eager to engage with the wider Moruya community, meeting people where they are and serving beyond the parish boundaries. Community is about more than worship; it is where we live, work, and grow together.

I want to especially acknowledge our parish schools, St Mary’s Primary School and Carroll College. As part of the parish family, I look forward to being present in school life—not just in classrooms and assemblies but also on the playground or handball court. I hope to bring the fatherly presence of the priesthood into every corner of school life, supporting the faith and formation of our young people.

As we begin this journey together, I draw inspiration from our new parish motto, *Cor ad cor loquitur*—“Heart speaks to heart.” May we continue to speak heart to heart with one another and with Christ, drawing closer to His Sacred Heart. Let us work together to rekindle faith, renewal, and mission, making the Sacred Heart of Jesus known and loved in our homes, schools, and community.

With every blessing,
Fr Josh

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 11th - St. Clare

Tues 12th—19th Week in O.T.

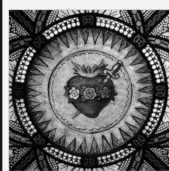
Wed 13th—Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

Thu. 14th—St. Maximilian Kolbe

Fri. 15th Aug—Assumption BVM

Sat. 16th Aug —Sat. Mass of the BVM

Sun 17th Aug— 20th Sunday of O.T.



August is
dedicated
to the
Immaculate Heart of
Mary



WELCOME ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER!

Father Josh and the parishioners of Moruya warmly welcome, our Archbishop, Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he visits our parish this weekend. It is a joy and a privilege to have him among us to celebrate this the Installation of Fr Josh as our Parish Priest. Please make the Archbishop feel welcome as you see him around the parish.

ARCHBISHOP'S ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE: Join us at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage site. The walk begins at 11am from Eden Sports Ground, with Reconciliation available. Mass follows at 12pm. Mary MacKillop Hall will be open for visitors. Please arrange your own transport. Enquiries: Woodb4922@gmail.com

2025 ST MARY'S FIRST EUCHARIST DATES: Due to Fr. Josh's Installation being on the 10th August, the First Eucharist **Commitment Mass will be held on Saturday 23rd August at the 5pm Mass.** First Eucharist will occur on Saturday 13 September, 5pm Mass.

ST MARY'S FEAST DAY – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.: Friday, 15 August whole School Mass, SHC 9:15am, followed by assembly, a family picnic day and activities.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS TIMES: Mass times for the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, are **5.00 pm** on Thursday 14th August (Vigil Mass) and **9:15am** on Friday August 15 at SHC, Moruya. There will also be a **Midday** Mass at Bodalla on this day. All are warmly welcome to join us in celebrating this beautiful feast of Our Lady's entrance into Heaven.

SAVE THE DATE: Heart of Moruya – a musical fundraiser for Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, 27 September at 6pm, St Mary's Hall during the River of Art Festival.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND UPDATE:

We're updating our prayer list for the sick and housebound. If you or a loved one no longer needs to be included, please let us know. To add someone, please contact us—names will only be included with permission. Thank you for helping us care for each other in prayer.

Recently Deceased: Trevor Bennett, Pauline Brierley, John Munce.
Those who are sick and housebound: For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners, Gerry and Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysen, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hans and Pauline de Grave, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nadar, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, Claire Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Janice Setter, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Viola Collaran, Sylvia Heffernan, Leo Kop, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery and John Heffernan.

NOTICES



MARY, MOTHER OF MORUYA MISSION

Our Lady of Fatima is visiting homes and classrooms!
This new parish initiative invites families and school classes to host the statue for one week, offering a special time of prayer and devotion. A simple prayer booklet is provided. To take part, sign up in the foyer or email the parish office.
"Where Mary is present, Jesus is near."

PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage for information and to choose a marriage preparation program at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER - For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

LEAVING A GIFT TO THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL: Have you considered leaving a gift to the parish in your will? A bequest, no matter how small, is a generous way to support the ongoing mission and life of our parish for future generations. We are deeply grateful for the faith and care that such a gesture represents. If you would like more information or wish to include the parish in your will, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and love for our parish community.

GIVING AND RECEIVING: Direct Debit and a Tap N Go machine is available. **Thank you most sincerely** for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collections via direct debit.

THE FIRST COLLECTION: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a Parishioner of Sacred Heart.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA
Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA & SURNAME

THE SECOND COLLECTION: contributes to the parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA
Bank Account: 000014984 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname
(only current Planned Givers); or Donation
(for parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. Please see flyers located in the parish foyers. **Thank you for your generosity**

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—Pauline Parnell, 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.