



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr.A

25-26/1/2020.

Moruya Sacred Heart Parish.

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REGULAR MASS TIMES: * Note Changes in Bulletin

Sat: Vigil 6pm. Moruya.

Sun: 8am 'The Pines' Tuross Head.

10am. Sacred Heart Moruya.

Mon: 9.15am Communion Service

Tues: * 5.30pm Mass

Wed: * 9.15am Mass

*2.00 pm Mass Banksia Village

Thurs: 9.15am Mass

First Thursday of the month

10.30am. Visit IRT. Moruya

Fri: 9.15am Mass followed by 1 hr.
Adoration and Benediction.

Rosary: After mass.

Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am Sat.

**Baptisms, Anointings, Weddings
and Funerals by appointment.**

CARING GROUPS:

Tuross Head 0497 315 534.

Moruya: 0431 354 993.

SCHOOLS:

St Mary's: 4474 2817

Carroll College: 44715600

**“Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand.”**

**Christ has brought us into the
light (4:16), by calling us to
repentance (4:17)**



The first reading contains the prophetic reference to Christ as the light that dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognise that the light Isaiah had spoken of had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among his Corinthians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular apostle.

Today's Gospel reading (Mt. 4:12-23) makes us realise that what had been prophesied by Isaiah was fulfilled through Jesus. In his ministry of calling the disciples and reforming lives, Jesus also brought light to people in darkness, restoring and fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the gospel describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22), and Jesus' own teaching and healing ministry, inviting people to repent of their sins and accept the good news of God's rule (kingdom of God), which he was preaching. Thus, the gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry of preaching and healing.

Fr George Azhakath.



PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA:

Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy Australia Day !



On Sunday 26th of January we celebrate Australia Day, which marks the beginning of British Occupation of Australia and is considered to be our National Day.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our land is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.



IMPORTANT

CHANGED MASS TIMES THIS WEEK ONLY.

TUESDAY 28th January: NO MASS.

WEDNESDAY 29th January:

MASS 5.30pm Moruya

WEDNESDAY 29th January:

NO MASS BANKSIA VILLAGE



Representatives from the Order of Malta - Australia will be visiting our parish this weekend to support all who have been affected by the bush-fires. They will be donating \$100 Woolworth Gift Cards to St Vincent de Paul to be given to those in need. We thank them for their great work of charity and for travelling down to care for our parish.

PRAYERS FOR US. Received in the mail:

"Dear Parishioners of the Sacred Heart, just a note to let you know that you are foremost in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do, not only currently but in the future with the rebuilding of your community. Respectfully, Parish Pastoral Council of the Parish of Transfiguration North Woden."

PRAYERS:

Your prayers are asked for all the sick of our parish including Fr Tim Cahill, Kay Morton and John Bolton.

Also for those recently deceased: Maxwell Fitzgerald, Lyle Davis, Kevin Whitby and Marie Merriman. (Grandmother of Bec Brady and Paula Challenger).

Please let the office know if you are: sick, going to hospital, needing a home visit or Communion, need the Sacrament of the sick. So that we can organise a minister of the Eucharist or priest to visit.

PARISH SECRETARY:

Expressions of interest are called for the position of parish secretary. The position would possibly be for 3 days a week. Call the parish office for further information: 4474 2024. email: Moruya@cg.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS.

Just a reminder that donations of money can be made by: dropping your donation into the Centre.

- Go online to "bushfireappeal.com.au"
- Or call 131 812.
- Vinnies are in partnership with Channel 9.



ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWE'S VISIT TO MORUYA PARISH



From Fr George.

A word of appreciation and thanks to all the parishioners who joined the Mass and dinner with Archbishop Christopher last Monday and for sharing your stories with him.

Archbishop Christopher phoned me on Friday to find out more about our situation with the current fires in Moryua and wanted me to pass on his love and prayers to you all.



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES. YEAR A.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In days past the Lord mumbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1,4,13-14. R.v 1.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean

you have, like: 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'.

Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light, on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From the moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

