



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr.A

15—16th February, 2020.

Moruya Sacred Heart Parish.

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REGULAR MASS TIMES:

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

Thursdays 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



Jesus, the new Lawgiver gives the Torah it's full meaning.

"I have not come to abolish them but to complete them"

Jesus challenges us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God.

God revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the Prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws but the instruction or *teaching* intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom He made His covenant.

The first reading from Sirach contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. " *...before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you.*" In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today's gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws, and explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and false oaths.

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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.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. ***O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All thanksgiving be every moment Thine.***

PRAYERS:

For the Sick :Your prayers are asked for all the sick of our parish and those mentioned in the Hospital prayer request book including Fr Tim Cahill (Friend of a parishioner), Kay Morton, John Bolton, Kath Hulse, Peter Morris and Gerry Ebbelaar.

For the deceased: Please also pray for those recently deceased in our parish.

*You are asked to advise the office if you are:
sick, going to hospital, needing a home visit,
Communion or need the Sacrament of the sick so
that we can organise a minister of the Eucharist or
priest to visit.*

THE WORD AND LIFE...

1. **We need to obey God's laws appreciating its basic principles:** In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy name, reverence His holy day and reverence our father and mother. The next set of commandments instructs us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and one's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of god and gratitude to God for His blessings.
2. **We need to forgive, forget and move towards reconciliation as soon as possible:** St Paul advises us "Be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin" (Eph 4:26) When we keep anger in our mind, we are inviting physical illnesses like hypertension and mental illnesses like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before

acting on our anger, give it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God's strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus's eyes instead of through anger's eyes.

3. **We need to be true to God, to ourselves and others:** Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Resumes this Monday 17th February at 11am in the Kennedy Room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

We need to form a new Parish Council (PPC) which will consist of:

- Fr George
- Up to 8 members recommended by the Parish community covering Moruya, Tuross and Bodalla.
- 2 ex officio members representing the schools.
- Parish Secretary.

You are asked to prayerfully consider recommending someone for this position.

At the back of the church is more information about the process, reasons and forms to submit names on.

**PLEASE TAKE ONE AND return it
before Ash Wednesday
26th February**





Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Tuesday 4th February and discussed the impact of the bushfires on all our parishioners. They have formed a support team to listen to anyone wanting to talk and share their stories. Please feel free to call and talk to anyone listed below.

Tim Cahill. 0428 288 927. Marg Croese: 0452 072 174 Sue McCosker. 0426 820 860
John Munce. 0439 473 214 Jo Rummery. 0427 447 381 Deacon Paul. 0419 238 099
Pat Anderson. 0401 344 336.

Or you can join the Moruya Caring Group any Friday 10am at the Café Vulcan.

A few copies from the Australian Red Cross on information in a tragedy or distressing event are available at the rear of the church

GARDENERS NEEDED.

Are you able to help with the gardening of the church and presbytery grounds?



HELP IS NEEDED!

Please let Fr George know if you are available.

PRESBYTERY CAR PARK

A friendly reminder to all parishioners, school staff and the public that the presbytery car park is for the clergy, parish secretary and those on business with the priest. Thank you for respecting this private car park.



After the bushfires—moving forward.

Erzebet de Saxe is a qualified therapist and has had extensive experience in running workshops. During the workshops Erzsebet will encourage you to talk about your recent bushfire experience and will assist you with solutions on how to cope. The group will be guided through an exercise to release your stress and will be given tips on how to continue this healing at home.

Moruya Library SATURDAY 7th March.

10am—12pm. 4474 1333.

To book, please phone your library or visit www.eventbrite.com.au

This is FREE and run by the Eurobodalla Shire

HYMN Sing-a-Long: Sunday 1st March. 2pm. In the Church.



Would you like to sing some of your favourite hymns? Put the name of your hymn on the sheet provided and we will try and find the music and words to play on the day. A 'cuppa' will be available afterwards in the Kennedy Room.

Sunday 16 Feb 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages
began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached
maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less

of the masters of our age, which are coming
to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which
we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that
God predestined to be for our glory before the
ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the
masters of this age have ever known, or they
would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we
teach what scripture calls: the things that no
eye has seen and no ear has heard, things
beyond the mind of man, all that God has pre-
pared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has re-
vealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit
reaches the depths of everything, even the
depths of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am
speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your
virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes
and Pharisees, you will never get into the
kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ances-
tors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill
he must answer for it before the court. But I
say this to you: anyone who is angry with his
brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must
not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a
man looks at a woman lustfully, he has al-
ready committed adultery with her in his
heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but
must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say
this to you: do not swear at all. All you need
say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you
mean no; anything more than this comes from
the evil one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.