



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA

7th Sunday. Ordinary Time Yr. A

22—23/2/2020

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— Stations of the Cross

2.00 pm Mass Banksia Village

Thurs: 9.15am Mass. School attending.

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



“Love your enemies”

Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation.

Mehmet Ali Agca shot John Paul on May 13th, 1981, as the Pope rode in an open car in St. Peter's Square. The pontiff was hit in the abdomen, left hand and right arm. Pope John Paul met Agca in Italy's Rebibbia prison in 1983 and forgave him.

In the gospel passage taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus condemns even the mild form of the “*Law of the Talion*,” the tribal law of retaliation. Instead of the restricted retaliation allowed by Moses, *Jesus give his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation*. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, although graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace. The second part of today's gospel passage is the central part of the Sermon on the Mount, giving us the Christian ethic of personal relationship: love one's neighbours and forgive one's enemies. It tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve it. We have to love our enemies with *agape* love, not because our enemies deserve our love but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them.

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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.

THE WORD OF LIFE...this week

1. We need to have a forgiving heart: Jesus' demands that we should forgive, pardon and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, and even if we are not loved in return. He also tells us to pray for those who wilfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.
2. We are to try to be perfect, to be like God: We become perfect when we fulfil God's purpose in creating us, i.e., when we become Godlike by cooperating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

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, Deborah and Peter Morris and Gerry Ebbelaar.

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

Parish Ministry:

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.



LENTEN REFLECTION

GROUPS Commencing:

27/2 Thursday Tuross 29 Beach St. 3pm.

3/3 Tuesday after 5.30 Mass Moruya

T.B.A. Broulee.

You are invited to list your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you are attending. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated to cover the cost of the book.



PASTORAL NOTES:

- * Lent begins next Wednesday.
- * Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way., the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.
- * Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52)
- * In Lent., the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.
- * From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after the Easter Time.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 26/2/2020.

Masses and distribution of Ashes.

Moruya:

9.15am. Mass. Children attending.

5.30pm. Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

Broulee.

2.00pm: Mass at Banksia Lodge,

Tuross:

10.3am. Distribution of Ashes in The Chapel. Tuross Head.

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.

SINGING HELPS US TO FEEL BETTER

A MEDICAL FACT.

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.

Reminder to please return your Recommendation form regarding the proposed pastoral council :

NO LATER than ASH WEDNESDAY.

Thank you for your cooperation.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Is to be held in the Anglican Church on Friday 6th March, 10am. All welcome.

The host country is Zimbabwe.

PARISH SECRETARY.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Grace Cirson from Bodalla who will commence duties on Wednesday 4th March. 9am—3pm
Grace will work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We warmly welcome her to the parish office.



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. 0419 238 099	Deacon Paul. 0427 447 381
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

Sunday 23 Feb 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy

him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.