

# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Devotions: daily rosary after mass, First Friday Adoration & Benediction. 9.45—10.45am



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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May 9 & 10 2020

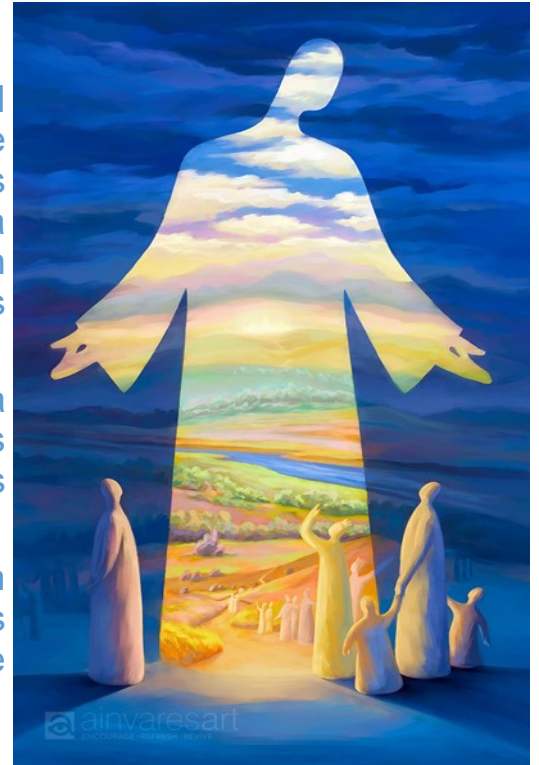
## I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive in the Christian community by transforming the early Church as a serving and worshiping community (Acts 6: 1-7), as a spiritual edifice built of "living stones" of believers upon the "Living Corner stone of Christ" (1 Pet.2: 4-5) and as the Father's house (John 14: 1-12).

Today's gospel gives the image of the Church as a Church in glory in the Father's house. It also reminds us of the great truth that Jesus is the Way to God, that he is the Truth of God and in him is God's own Life.

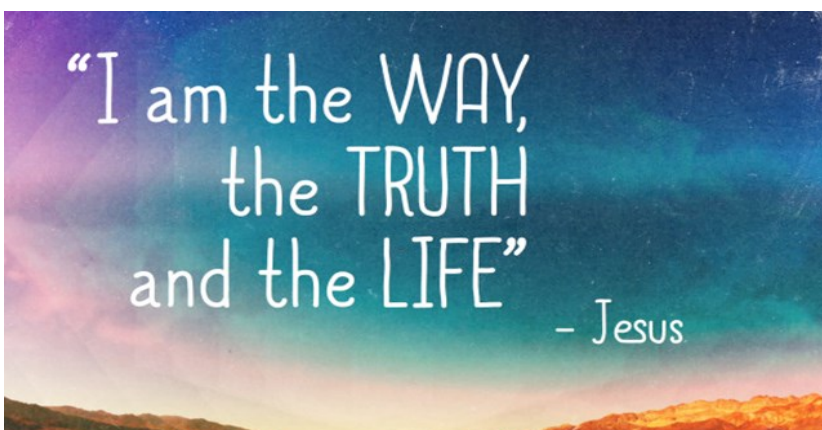
Today's readings demands from us real faith not only in God the Father but also in Jesus precisely because he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn. 14:6). "You have faith in God; have faith also in me" (Jn. 14:1).

*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

**PRAYER IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC:** Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress; grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R** .Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R**
3. 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**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have cho-

sen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1. **Know Jesus intimately:** Jesus asked Phillip: “Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?” He is asking us the same question: “Have I been with you all this time in the Mass, in the sacraments and in the Bible and you still do not know me?” If we really believe that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive his memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive his memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive his memory” of him, by handing on the great tradition of Christian faith and by living according to his wise teachings. Jesus says, “If you believe in me, you will do the work I do.” this is the work he’s talking about: creating safe, secure, happy places for one another in which the really important work of life, transformation and big family building, can happen. We can help one another get a life in the same way Jesus did, by recognizing the powerful effect we have on one another, for good or ill, and by consciously deciding to make even our smallest choices add up into safe, secure happy spaces where every member of our big family can grow whole.
2. **Possess Jesus the Life.** We share the divine life of God by making use of the means Jesus established in his Church.
  - a. By actively participation in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Communion.
  - b. By the worthy reception of the other sacraments.
  - c. By the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God.
  - d. By following the guidance of the life-giving Spirit of God, living within us.,
  - e. By communicating with God the source of life, in personal and family prayers.

### **Project Compassion**

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the Office by the end of the month.

The CDF has been working to assist parishes facilitate payments from parishioners whilst our Churches are closed and collections ceased. We are now making available a CBA secured CDF Bpoint payment page for use throughout the Archdiocese. Please follow the following link:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>

### **First Collection (Pastoral Revenue)**

The Parish Office has many enquiries regarding Direct Deposits during this time of isolation. For those wishing to do Direct Deposits, please deposit as follows

Account Name:	Sacred Heart Moruya
Bank Account:	29248
BSB:	062-786
Reference:	MORUYA & YOUR SURNAME

**Second Collection:** Parishioners are encouraged to contribute to the 2nd collection for the up-keep of the church.

Please contact the office regarding contributions to the 2nd collection as you will be issued with a new envelope number.



## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks  
and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers,  
who give life and count toes  
and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed  
with patience and tenderness  
to care for their families and themselves  
with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers  
who have nurtured and cared for us;  
May they continue to guide  
in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated  
from their children because of war,  
poverty or conflict;  
May they feel the loving embrace  
of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers  
but still love and shape us  
with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers,  
grandmothers and great grandmothers  
who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.

Amen by Heidi Busse



*Dear Parishioners,* Hope you are well and in good spirits at these times of isolation and lockdown. Our hearts are heavy as we are unable to attend Church masses and liturgies.

I am glad to inform you all, that throughout the last six weeks of lockdown period, Moruya Church had been busy doing maintenance, electrical works, gardening and other in and around the church and Presbytery. Pat Anderson has it reported already last week in the Caring Group Bulletin. Hopefully you have seen some pictures of it in last week's Parish Bulletin.

Electricity supply cable laid underground as per council requirements, an expensive work which was pending since two years. The Church bell has been fixed, exit sign lights and light around the Crucifix have been installed.

Concreting a portion of the drive way and garden bed fixed. A lot of work has been done to make the Memorial Rose Garden look alive, and office is fully active 3 days a week bringing out bulletins, keeping Parish records and accounts updated. All these are happening not without costs, at a time the Church draws no income. In July 2020, we need to pay the Church Building yearly Insurance and other.

We need your help. It is your regular weekly support to the Church through 1st and 2nd collections and other donations that make it possible to pay for the expenses. Please be reminded of your support that is needed for the Community of Sacred Heart Church to go ahead. You may consider how you wish to continue your weekly support. *Hope you are receiving our weekly Parish Bulletin*  
*Fr George Azhakath*

### **FARWELL GWEN & DON**



It is with a heavy heart but one full of gratitude that we bid Tuross Head parishioners, Gwen and Don McGregor a fond farewell, who due to health reasons are relocating to Victoria to be closer to family. Gwen and Don have been the backbone of the Tuross church community for more than twenty years setting up the room, organising the music but most importantly fostering friendships and welcoming visitors. Gwen served on the parish council and Don was Conference President for St Vincent de Paul. We wish them every blessing in their new home and thank them for all they have done for us in their many roles. **Fond farewell from all of us at the Sacred Heart Parish Community, Moruya.**