

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times: Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

Tuross: Sun 8.00

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600

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



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

-YEAR A-

JUNE 20 & 21 2020

“Do Not Be Afraid”

“What you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.”

Our scripture for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time is a call to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. The psalmist in today's responsorial psalm repeats the same trust in the kindness and great mercy of God when he is misunderstood and ill treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the second reading Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition because they share in the death of Jesus and his resurrection or they are united with Christ the new Adam in his resurrection.

Today's gospel passage is from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them

simply and to expect opposition and rejection. After having predicted the future opposition and persecution Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged “Do not fear!”, “Do not be afraid!”.

Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in



You are worth more than hundreds of sparrows

the world and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful despite the opposition we encounter.

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Entrance Antiphon: *God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.*

Communion Antiphon: *The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.*

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 Thanks giving be every moment thine.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!"

'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

And take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side a mighty hero;

My opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

Praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails;
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord,
And you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing, Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of me, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week.....

Be not afraid: Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what bad health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves. Our heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God. The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Also let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares—we are each a dear child of his and he cares for each of us. “Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely, “Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the Lord.”

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID 19

Liturgical and Pastoral

NSW Parishes Effective Wednesday 1 July 2020

Eucharist

Masses are to be celebrated *respecting the 4sqm per person rule* (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

Communion in the hand only.

Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood, to be offered.

No touching at the sign of peace.

No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

4sqm per person rule

Seating

Standing

During the Communion Procession

During the movement to place money/envelopes at the collection points.

Hygiene practices

Sanitisation of hands before entering the church

Wiping down of pews and common areas at conclusion of Mass.

Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to purify hands with sanitiser before and after offering Holy Communion.

Limit the use of books. Ensure they are cleansed between use.

Register of people upon entering the church

Name, Phone number and/or email

To be kept in safe place (respecting privacy laws) for 28 days for chief medical officer.

Funerals: Please note: **effective Monday 15 June 2020**

4sqm per person rule applies (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers). Funeral directors to keep register of people who attend.

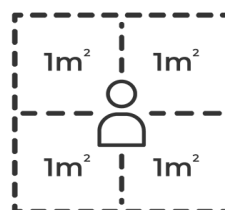
Weddings: 4sqm per person rule applies (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers). Parish to keep register in accord with 1(g).

Baptism: 4sqm per person rule (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

Penance: First Rite of Penance, with priest and penitent respecting the 4sqm per person rule.

Second Rite of Penance to be celebrated with 4sqm per person rule (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

Prayer and Social Gatherings: 4sqm per person rule applies, whether inside Church or other Church facility.



Congratulations



To

Reg & Pat Murphy

60 YEARS MARRIED HAPPILY

ON 25th June, 2020.

**Vowed to each other to remain faithful forever
at St. Mary's Cathedral,**

Blessed by Monsignor Meaney

Came to Moruya to make their home in 1964
Wedded to Moruya Town and Parish in loving
BOND never to look behind.

Children - 3 girls

Studied at St. Mary's Moruya.

Grandchildren - 9 girls and one boy

Great Grandchildren - 8

Reg was a member of the Choir of Sacred Heart
Parish and helped with collections as well for
many years.

Pat was involved with "Wednesday School
Breakfasts", held a long time ago and was also
associated with Moruya Lions' Club.

**60 Years have past but they remain ever
faithful, happy and content.**

CARING GROUPS.

The Moruya Caring Group has recommenced meeting every Friday at the Café Vulcan. Please note the new meeting time is now 11am. All welcome to pop in for a chat.

The Tuross Head Caring Group will recommence meeting at the Tuross Head Country Club on the first Thursday of July, 2nd at 10am. Come along and meet the friendly group. Always a laugh to be had.

Tuross Telephone Calls:

A big 'thank you' to the volunteers who have been making regular phone calls to members during this lock down period. Unless requested, the calls will cease at the end of June. If anyone is wanting to continue and would appreciate a home visit please let us know.

REMINDERS:

- COUNTERS are still needed. Please contact the parish office if you are available.
- MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP meets every Monday 11am in the Kennedy Room. Only 5 allowed during COVID19.
- BIBLE STUDY REFLECTIONS: If you would like to attend a Bible study, hear a guest speaker talk on faith issues or some other group, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION.

Thank you to all those who attended our Parish Feast Day celebration

And for your thoughtful gesture of bringing food to share.

