

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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

Tuross: Sun 8.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am; Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

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



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JUNE 27 & 28 2020

JESUS'S TEACHINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

During the time of the Old Testament patriarchs, when both the nature of the terrain and the constant threat of misadventure made hospitality a necessity, it was regarded as a sacred duty to welcome guests and to provide for them with honour—a tradition that endures to this day, at least in some parts of the Holy Land. A good example is to be found in our first reading from the Second Book of the Kings. Rather extravagantly, 'a woman or rank' welcomes the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi and offers them food and purpose-built accommodation. Jesus himself both gave and received hospitality (at the home of Martha, Mary and Laza-



rus to give but one example) during the busy years of his itinerant public ministry. In today's excerpt from his discourse on mission he affirms the importance of such conduct and points to its deeper significance. 'Anyone who welcomes you,' he says to his disciples, 'welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.' Mindful of today's refugee crisis, Pope Francis reminds us that 'authentic hospitality is a profound Gospel value'; and Peter, addressing the Christians in Rom, says: 'Make hospitality your special care'. (Rom 12 : 21).

WORD AND LIFE this week.....

1. What does Jesus mean to me? Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal saviour? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: "How do I really see Jesus? Do I see Jesus as Good Shepherd Saviour, and redeemer? Is he my beloved friend, closer to me than my spouse or child, father or mother? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded Him, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do I say that Jesus is in my daily life? Who do I say that He is when I am in the presence of those who don't know him, those who aren't interested in him? What does the way I live and behave say about who Jesus is? Is the joy, the love, the peace that I find in Jesus reflected in the way I live my life?

2. We need to experience Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and surrender our lives to him. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal saviour should become a living, personal experience for each Christian? This is made possible by listening to him through the daily, meditative reading of the bible, by talking to him through daily, personal and family prayers, by offering to him our lives on the altar whenever we attend Holy Mass and by leading a sacramental life. The next step is surrender of our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realising that God's loving hands are behind every event of our lives.

Fr George Azhakath.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

A reading from the second book of the Kings. (4:8-11, 14-16)

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God, let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms,'.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bless. **R.**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. (6:3-4, 8-11)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were bap-

tised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (10:37-42)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.