

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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—10.30 am

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 1 & 2 2020

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Jesus said to his disciples “You give them something to eat.”

The common theme of today's readings is the provident care of a loving and merciful God who generously shares his riches with us, and His invitation to us to practice His sharing love in our lives. After announcing the return of God's chosen people to their homeland from Babylonian captivity, the prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, concludes his prophecies with God's invitation to the eschatological banquet. The grace of God is compared to freely-given food and drink. Yahweh's gracious invitation in the first reading is echoed by the Psalmist who asks the people to respond by praising and blessing Yahweh.



Today's gospel describes how Jesus demonstrates the provident care of God the Father by miraculously feeding a multitude of people in a remote, desolate village called Bethsaida Julius, where the River Jordan flows into the north end of the Sea of Galilee. In Matthew's account, Jesus acts out of his great compassion for the crowds. First, he challenges the disciples to give what they have - five loaves and two fish. Then he performs the four-fold action that prefigures the Eucharist: He takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread and fish to the assembled multitude, making of them a community of the Lord's banquet. Just as God supplies the needs of all living beings, so Jesus also heals the sick and feeds the hungry. This event indicates God's power in Christ as well as His mercy.

Fr George Azhakath

Entrance Antiphon: God come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

Communion Antiphon: You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 2—9.

LITURGY OF THE WORD.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me,
and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks Be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;

He answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the
Romans. 8:35, 37-39.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food'. Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves'. But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish'. 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE....this week.....

1, "You give them something to eat." Today's readings tell us that God really cares about his people and that there is enough and more than enough for everybody. Studies show that the world today produces enough food in grain alone to provide very human being on the planet with 3,6000 calories a day, not counting such foods as tuber crops, vegetables, beans, nuts, fruits, meats, and fish. Over the past twenty five years, food production has exceeded world population growth by about 16%. This means that there is no good reason for any human being in today's world to go hungry. But even in a rich country like the U.S.A., one child out of five grows up in poverty, three million people are homeless and 400 unborn babies are aborted every day. "The problem in feeding the world's population lies with our political lack of will, our economic system biased in favour of the affluent, our militarism, and our tendency to blame the victims of social tragedies such as famine. We all share responsibility for the fact that populations are undernourished. Therefore, it is necessary to arouse a sense of responsibility in individuals, especially among those who are blessed with this world's goods." (Pope John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra* (1961) 157-58). It is too easy to blame God, too easy to blame governments too easy to see these things as other people's problems. That is the meaning of the Eucharist we celebrate here today. In other words, as Christians we have to commit ourselves to share and to work with God in communicating his compassion to all. God is a caring Father but He wants our co-operation.

2, God blesses those who share their talents with loving commitment. This is illustrated by Mother Teresa who went to serve the slum-dwellers of Calcutta with just twenty cents in her pocket. When she died forty-nine years later God had turned her original twenty cents into eighty schools, three hundred mobile dispensaries, seventy leprosy clinics, thirty homes for the dying, thirty homes for abandoned children and forty thousand volunteers from all over the world to help her. We can begin our own humble efforts at "sharing" right in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by organisations like St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus and so many other volunteer groups. We may say, "I do not have enough money or talent to make any difference," But we need to remember that the small boy in the story had only five loaves of bread and two fish. The Bible guarantees that every believer has at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. This is our one 'tiny fish'. Perhaps 'our fish' is not money, but is a talent or an ability that God has given us. We all have something. If we have never trusted God with our time, or our talent, or our treasure....all our resources....this is the time to start. Let us offer everything to God saying, "Here is what I have Lord use it." and He will, blessing it and amplifying it beyond our expectations. As we begin to give, we will discover that the Lord moves in where we are not adequate, and He abundantly supplies what is needed. When we give what we have to God, and we ask Him to bless it, it is then the miracle happens.

3. Be "Eucharistic ministers": We, too, can perform wonders in our own time and place, by imitating the four "Eucharistic verbs" of Jesus: take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break away from our own needs and interests for the sake of others, give with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Jake Hardis, Graham Beer, Gail Fenton, John Gerber, Debra Morris, Ben Pollack, Katherine Halse, Louise Strathendorf, Catherine Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme and Jerry Ebbelaar who is currently undergoing physiotherapy in Western Australia. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (Marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE. National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020

is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. **COST: FREE. REGISTRATION:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au **PROGRAM:** Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020.



MASKS TO MAKE AT HOME—KITS AVAILABLE IN FOYER—INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED.

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP.

Ever generous God
you inspired St. Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely, or needy.

We ask that our faith and hope
be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too like St. Mary MacKillop
may live with courage, trust and openness.

With confidence in your generous providence and
through the intercession of St. Mary MacKillop
we ask that you grant our request.

(pause) (Mention your request here)

St. Mary of the Cross
you faced difficult times
with a heart filled with trust,
always believing in the
watchful presence of God.

Walk with us now
in this difficult time,
and may we be for others
examples of confident hope and trust.

St. Joseph and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop
pray with us in this time of need. Amen.

Our Father.....Hail Mary.....Glory Be.....

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pray for us.

ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE TO EDEN. ON 8TH AUGUST FEAST OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP.

Please note the message from Fr Pale Leota & The Parish of Pambula regarding the changes to the Annual Archbishop's Pilgrimage to Eden to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral at 12.15pm on Saturday 8th August.

This Mass will be live streamed via the Catholic Voice site. Go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/annual-archbishops-pilgrimage-to-eden0-live-stream-mass/>

Or go to the Catholic Voice YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/catholicvoice>

Feast of Saint Mary of The Cross MacKillop

Saturday 8th August.



Saint Mary MacKillop 1842-1909, Born into a poor Melbourne family, Mary left home when she was 14 and gave all the money she earned to her family. In 1861 she went to work in Penola, a small town in South Australia. Here Mary met Father Julian Woods. Mary felt a religious calling, but hadn't been able to find an order that suited her. So in 1866, she and Father Woods started their own; 'The Sisters of St. Joseph'. The Order was dedicated to the education of poor children. The order spread to Adelaide and other parts of South Australia, and membership grew rapidly.

Mary was a woman who stood up for what she believed which brought her into conflict with religious leaders. She took a vow of poverty, which meant she had to beg for money. Catholic Church leaders didn't like begging, but Mary refused to change her ways. The tension escalated into conflict over educational matters and as a result Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Shiel of Adelaide for insubordination in 1871. The excommunication was lifted 6 months later.

In 1883, Mary came into conflict with the church establishment by insisting on an equalitarian rather than hierarchical organization. Bishop Reynolds told her to leave his diocese (Adelaide) and Mary transferred the headquarters of the Josephites to Sydney where she later died. Mary never became bitter against the Church leaders that had opposed her. This forgiving attitude was complemented by the outstanding work of her Sisters for the poor. **Mary MacKillop was declared 'Blessed' by Pope Paul II in Sydney on 19th January 1995 and Canonized 17th October, 2010.**