

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 10am—3pm.

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—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8 am. Bodalla Mass 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3pm

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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Devotions: Daily Rosary after mass. First Friday Adoration & Benediction. 9.45—10.45 am



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

-YEAR A-

August 22 & 23 2020

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

**You are the Christ,
the Son of the Living God."**

We might call this Sunday "Power Sunday" because the main theme is the handing over of the 'keys' which open and shut, representing authority in the Church and in the kingdom.

The first reading from Isaiah gives a detailed description of the investiture of a royal court official. The robe, the sash, and the keys are insignia of this office. Isaiah tells of how the keys of authority were taken away from the Shebna, the unfaithful and proud "master of the royal palace", and given to the humble and faithful Eliakim.

In today's psalm, David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St Paul points out that God is the source of all authority on earth and in heaven.

In today's gospel, Jesus reveals his plan to build his church on the strong bedrock foundation of Peter, to whom He then gave the keys of teaching and governing authority in the Church.

Fr George Azhakath



Entrance Antiphon: Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

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.

Sunday 23 Aug 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time A

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

"You are
the Christ,
the son
of the
Living God"



THE 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 the 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.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

The PPC has begun to formulate a Parish Pastoral Plan. This will give us a focus to review and achieve our goals. Our first task is to build a Parish profile – using data from ABS and Pastoral Research office. If you are skilled in data analysis or would be able to help please contact Parish Office. We aim to have this completed by the next PPC meeting in September.

1. With the ongoing COVID issues and with parishioners not coming to Mass as often, the PPC will restart phoning people to say hello and check on their needs again. Please let us know of any needs you are aware of in our parish community
2. The PPC will be registering our formal COVID plan with the NSW government which will be updated as needed. We are meeting all our COVID regulations.
3. Fr George has requested 2 ushers per mass to meet & greet, ensure people sanitize and sign in, and then usher to appropriate seating. He also needs help to set up before Masses, especially Sunday morning. Please, we need more than one person to be able to do this.
4. Please keep the need for Acolytes to assist at all Masses in your prayers.

WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON: *Will be held next Saturday.* It will be livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese 2 4.30pm. Contact Jo Rummery 0419238099 or Sue McCosker 0426820860 if you would like to join us. You can also register and join from home at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—30TH AUGUST, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health In Australia Today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatization, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalized members of our community. Download the Statement from the website of the Bishops' Office for Social Justice.

SOULS IN PERGUARTORY. “Every time I pray for my departed friends, I seem to feel them near me, and the thought gives me the same pleasure as their presence during life; it is as if there were only a veil between us, and the least effort would be enough to tear it down”. *Blessed Frederic Ozanam.*

WELCOME TO OUR COVID-19 FREE VENUE WITH ALL THE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM ALL AS WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER.

Hand sanitizing and recording personal details are to be strictly followed. Yellow marks have been placed on the floor to make it easy for distancing between persons as you move around. Please keep safe distancing when entering a pew.

A small number of masks are available in the foyer for anyone who might feel more confident using one.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND: 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, Catherine Hulse, Catherine Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme and Gerry Ebbelaar still undergoing physiotherapy in Western Australia. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILY: Please pray for the soul of Bill Ray, beloved father of Pauline Parnell who died 20th August, 2020 at 5.30pm in the Moruya Hospital. Our prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time. May Bill rest in peace. *From all of us parishioners.*

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: For those wishing to do Direct Debit into the Church Account, as donations to the church or as Second Collection may use the following details.

BSB: 062-786. ACC: 000014984. Account Name: Sacred Heart Moruya. Please include purpose of Donation and Surname. Or if it is Planned Giving then envelope number and surname.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON: Aid to the Church in need. An appeal is being sent to parishes, schools, congregations and groups across Australia and New Zealand. We are begging for your (1) prayers for Lebanon and her people (2) your most generous financial offering. Donate to "Aid to the Church in Need" PO Box 335 Penrith NSW 2751. call 1800 101 201 or arrange your offering at www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon

CLERGY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: Envelopes for the Clergy Retirement Foundation Appeal will be available for your contribution on 5-6/9/2020. This is Father's day, a day to also remember the retired priests of our parish and Archdiocese.

LIFELINE SOUTH COAST: COMMUNITY TRAINING SESSIONS AT BATEMANS BAY: A variety of topics will be offered over two days: 23/9/20 10am– 12.30. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer—the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

23/9/20 2pm—5pm: Psychological First Aid. The PFA workshop is a 3 hour program and aims to provide basic skills for helping people affected by a disaster.

24/9/20 9.:30am—11.30am DV-alert. Lifeline is committed to raising the awareness of Domestic and Family Violence and is holding a public Awareness session. Cost: Free. To register phone Donna 012422813 or email: donna.moss@llsc.org.au



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I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT INITIALLY.



COLLECTION BOX is introduced for the purpose for both collections for weekend Masses. You may place your offering as you enter or leave the church.



HAPPY FINALLY TO HAVE TWO ELECTRONIC SCREENS INSTALLED, VERY HELPFUL TO THE LITURGY INDEED. Thanks to all who donated towards making this project a reality.