

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

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600

Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

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



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 6—7 2020

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*Dear Father, Dad, Daddy, Papa, Pop, Grandfather, Grandpa*

What a great Father you have been. Through your loving eyes I was able to see the different paths in life, we have to take. Through your kind heart I was able to see the difference of right from wrong. Through your stern but gentle hand, you were able to guide me on the right path. Through all of your love I was able to become the person that I am today. I can only hope today when I look in the mirror I can see a reflection of you in my own eyes....So that I may become as great a parent as you were to me.

*This page of the bulletin is dedicated to every Father, Step Father, Foster Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Great-Great-Grandfather, and every new Father-to-be, throughout the world.*

On this Father's day we would like to let you know that as Dads of the parish (our extended family), you are loved and appreciated very much each and every day. And it's a time to say 'Thank You' for all that you do.

**Happy Father's Day! May God Bless and grant you many, many, many more.**

You will be remembered in the masses celebrated on Father's Day at Sacred Heart Parish.

### PRAYER OF BLESSING ON FATHER'S DAY.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things Bless these men that they be strengthened as Christian Fathers. Bless these fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse by death or divorce; who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Let the example of their faith, love and dedication to the family shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters may honour them always with the spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL:** This weekend, 5th and 6th September, is the Annual Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. The Foundation is an important initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn to support our retired and sick priests. Priests usually work into their seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people. Supporting this worthwhile appeal would show our gratitude for the faith-filled, inspiring and caring work done by our priests over the years. Our priests have given so much to me and to you, to our parents and our children. I know you will show your thanks to our retired and sick priests by generously supporting this appeal on Father's Day



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## First Reading

Ez 33:7-9

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!**  
***Harden not your hearts.***

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **(R.)**

Where two or three meet...

I shall be there with them

## Second Reading

13:8-10

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

**1. You are your brother's/sister's keeper:** Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers; so they pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother or sister to give up his or her sinful ways. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct another one." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others in order to help our neighbours retain their Christian faith and practice, especially through our model Christian lives. Have we offered advice and encouragement to our friends and neighbours and co-workers when it was needed, and loving correction in private where that was possible? Let us admit the fact that a great degree of indifference to religion shown by our young men and women is due to lack of parental control, training and example. If the children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans, it is mainly because the Christian faith has meant little or nothing to their parents. It is a well known fact that when parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it.

**2. Gather in Jesus' name and work miracles:** Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us will gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we become much more than simply the collective number of people we are. Two becomes more than two, and three becomes more than three. The sum of our individual ideas, resources and abilities becomes much more because of the synergy that God's presence provides. We in our faith community act together so that we may help one another in God's name, thereby multiplying our resources and ability to do what God calls us to do. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. Through our links to one another in Christ, there is a capacity in our community which enables us to use God's power to make healing and life-giving love more effective among His people. We come together, we stay together, we work together—in our Lord's name, bringing to focus the presence of God and unleashing the power of the Spirit—to transform our lives and the lives of all God's children. We do gather in Jesus' name and invoke his presence and that makes him a part of us and of what we do. That is what we experience at each Eucharist - we in him and he in us.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, commencing September 1 and ending October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth.

**HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.** The Catholic teaching that the souls of people who had faith and love for God and for neighbour but died in an imperfect moral and spiritual state could still be perfected after death in purgatory. Though they are "assured of their eternal salvation," they still need to 'undergo purification' that makes possible "the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven". (CCC No.1030) These souls cannot earn any merits in purgatory but suffer passively there. Still, the prayers and works of the living can bring them merit and benefit. (CCC, n 1032) Let us pray for the souls in purgatory.

**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 Harris, Graham Beer, Gail Fenton, John Gerber, Debra Morris, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Catherine Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore and Gerry Ebbelaar still undergoing physiotherapy in Western Australia. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery.

### A FATHER'S PRAYER.

Father, I thank you for the gift of my family for whom I now pray, and upon whom I now ask you to shower your blessings. With Saint Joseph as my guide, may I always be ready to spend my life for them.

Bless my wife whom you have given to me as my spouse, sharing in your wondrous work of creation. May I see her as my equal and treat her with the love of Christ for his Church. May Mary be her guide and help her to find your peace and your grace.

Bless my children with your life and presence. May the example of your Son be the foundation upon which their lives are built, that the Gospel may always be their hope and support.

I ask you, Father, to protect and bless my family. Watch over it so that in the strength of your love we may enjoy prosperity, possess the gift of your peace and, as the domestic Church, always bear witness to your glory in the world. Amen.

**Saint Joseph Foster Father of Child Jesus, pray for us.**





## **ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT.**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting our parish on Thursday 1st October between 4-8pm. Tentative arrangements: Holy Mass 5.30pm. Dinner 6.30pm in the school hall. PLEASE KEEP THE DATE AVAILABLE.



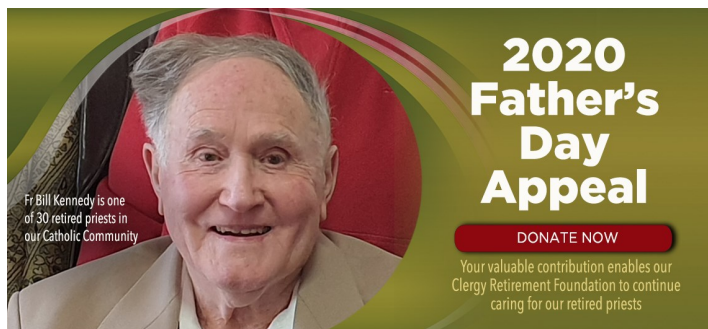
## **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: SEPTEMBER 8TH.**

A special Rosary, starting at 5pm and followed by Solemn Holy Mass and final hymn at the grotto with sharing of a Rosary Cake to follow. All welcome. "Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God."



**Happy 90th Birthday**  
**Maureen Price.**

Prayers and blessings  
from the parishioners.



**The Clergy Retirement Foundation** of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn supports and cares for 30 retired priests.

Even in retirement priests still continue to support many parishes "supplying" masses for priests on holidays, also weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Through your gifts we have been able to provide for the material and medical needs of our retired, elderly and unwell priests. Thank you for Generosity.

Many people are unaware that when a priest retires, they are no longer supported by their parish. Supporting this worthwhile appeal would show our gratitude for the faith-filled, inspiring and caring work done by our priests over the years.

**This weekend there will be a special collection for your donations to this worthy appeal.**

**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.**



**BODALLA CHURCH GROUNDS HAS A FACE LIFT NOW THANKS TO A THOROUGH CLEAN UP.**