

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—10.30 am

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

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



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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September 12 & 13 2020

WE NEED TO FORGIVE, FORGET AND BE RECONCILED

Our scripture for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday is about our need for forgiving our offenders and being reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us and challenge us to continue on the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation.

Sirach, in the first reading, reminds his listeners that if they don't heal and forgive and show mercy they can't expect to receive much of that in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive. *"Remember your last days, and set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!"* Today's Psalm speaks beautifully about God's forgiving love: *"God is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."* In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ who taught us by his own example to forgive. Since we humans are related as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness should have no place in our hearts.

In today's gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day and, hence, need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains this after teaching the prayer, "Our Father." *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you"*. Fr George Azhakath.

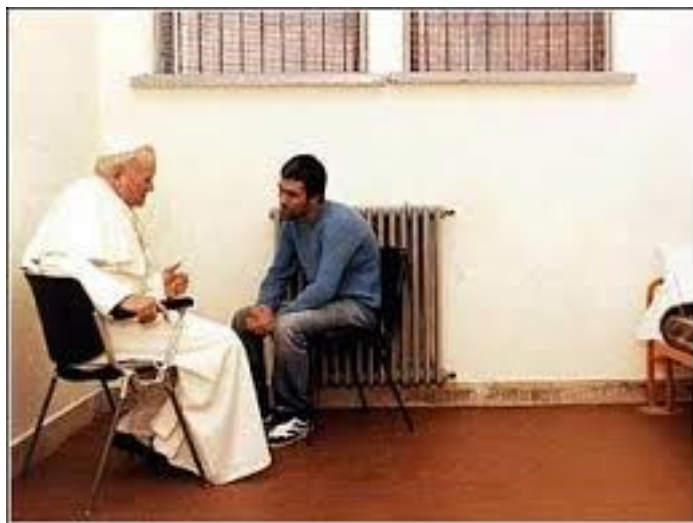
Entrance Antiphon: Give peace Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve, Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Communion Antiphon: O God, how much we value your mercy!
All mankind can gather under your protection.

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.



In 1983 Pope John Paul II meets Mohmet Ali Agca in Agca's prison cell in Rome and forgives his Would-be Assassin.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 13/9/2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and over-
look the offence.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,

we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong
to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and
came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of
the dead and of the living.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mat-
thew*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?
As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not sev-
en, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who decided to settle his accounts
with his servants. When the reckoning began, they
brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents;
but he had no means of paying, so his master gave
orders that he should be sold, together with his wife
and children and all his possessions, to meet the
debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his
master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will
pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt
so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the
debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to
meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred
denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began
to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said.
His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they
saw what had happened, and they went to their mas-
ter and reported the whole affair to him.

Then the master sent for him. "You wicked
servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours
when you appealed to me. Were you not bound,
then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I
had pity on you?" And in his anger the master hand-
ed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his
debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal
with you unless you each forgive your brother from
your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week.....

1. **We need to forgive, forget and be reconciled:** in the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our span of life, harbouring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" What God expects from us is limitless forgiving and an ability to gloss over faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults.

2. **We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can choose to forgive.** As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and caused great anger, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim.

When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.



St Vincent de Paul Society Moruya Conference is conducting its annual Ozanam Sunday appeal for our Twinned Conference in India. Twinning is the program by which our members support our fellow Vincentians in developing countries spiritually, financially and through mutual encouragement. **There will be a retiring collection on the 27th September, 2020.**

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.

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. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery.

Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery have asked for prayers for their son Paul Jnr who is currently in Canberra Hospital suffering from heart problems. While receiving specialist care and being well looked after, your prayers would be appreciated for all the family, especially Paul Jnr's speedy recovery.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY. This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding.



LIFELINE COMMUNITY TRAINING SESSIONS FOR BATEMANS BAY: Sign up for this training to be held 23—24th September. Topics covered: Simple steps to learn to help save a life from suicide; Psychological First Aid: provides basic skills for helping people affected by a disaster; Domestic and Family Violence public Awareness session. Cost FREE. Contact 0242281311 or email: donna.moss@llsc.org.au to book.

FREE ONLINE PRO-LIFE PANEL ON SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020. Rather than constantly reacting against an aggressive pro-choice agenda, Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting an online panel of speakers who are finding innovative ways to make inroads into the culture. The panel (The Way Forward) will be held on Saturday 19th September from 2pm to 4.30pm. Contact: Jasmin Boncales : 0431060556 or email: jasminluzboncales@gmail.com.


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.



MASKS FOR VICTORIA AND THOSE IN NEED. While well over 150 masks have been made the need is still there. Kits to make masks are available at the rear of the church for those able to either hand or machine sew them together. Once again, many thanks to those who are helping other through this need.

NEW AMPLIFIER The choir is happy to have a proper bass amplifier which will enhance the liturgy music

 Coffee never knew it could taste so nice and sweet before it met milk and sugar. We are good as individuals but become better when we meet and blend with the right people.



A NOCTURNAL VISITOR



PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs Pat Anderson has been appointed as interim secretary until Canberra re-advertises the position at a later date next year. Pat has been volunteering in the office for the past twelve months. It was felt that it was in the parish's best interest to have someone with some background knowledge to the workings of the parish office to continue in a paid position. Pat was employed as parish secretary when Fr Greg Beath was parish priest and retired six years ago. The office is open 10—3pm Wednesday and Fridays. We welcome her to the position. Congratulations.

PARISH NEWSLETTER 'HEARTBEAT' OUT NEXT WEEKEND

NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8th SEPT:

After the Rosary and Mass in the church the faithful lit candles and went in procession to the grotto singing praises to Mother Mary and sharing the Rosary cake.

Thanks to all who attended the night and a special thank you to Jan Morris for the delicious cake.

