

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 3 pm .

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



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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September 19 & 20 2020

The Parable of the Generous Landlord

“Why are you jealous because I am generous?”

Introduction: Today's readings are all about the sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy can, and often does, override his justice and, hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously.

Scripture Lessons: In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon their infidelity which has resulted in their exile. Their merciful God will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. Hence, Isaiah exhorts them, and us, to seek the Lord and to put aside evil ways in order to receive mercy and forgiveness from God. Today's responsorial psalm reminds us that, although *‘the Lord is just in all his ways,’* he is at the same time gracious *‘and merciful.’* In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission to God's grace. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. At the same time he is ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired labourers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard, but paid the identical living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity. It illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God's visions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into this inexhaustible divine supply. This story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs. The parable teaches us that human reasoning and man's expectations about reward, are not the standards God uses to determine eternal reward.



Fr George Azhakath.

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24. 27

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.

Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ‘Because no one has hired us’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too.’

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’ So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. ‘The men who came last’ they said ‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’

He answered one of them and said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?’ Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week.....

1. We need to follow God's example and show grace to our neighbour: When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume he or she needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and gotten off free. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness. We become envious of others because of our lack of generosity of heart. Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control the way God blesses others.

2. We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives: God personally calls each of us to our own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to God's vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given to us by God. Hence, we should express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our blessings with the needy and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

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 back 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.

FUNERAL: The funeral for Thomas Brown was held last Friday. We ask your prayers for the deceased and his family.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to the two children being baptised this weekend. Harper O'Connor and Alissa Miller. We welcome them into the Catholic Faith



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.

WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED AND LISTENED TO. The readings from the Word of God are to be LISTENED TO REVERENTLY by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the HOMILY, as part of the liturgical action.(GRIM9)

The homily is a means of bringing the scriptural message to life in a way that helps the faithful to realise that God's word is present and at work in their everyday lives. (Verbum Domini (2010) 59) The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion. Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137)

The **LITURGY OF THE WORD** is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily. (GIRM 56)

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, while going up for Communion and while leaving the church. A small number of masks are available in the foyer for anyone who might feel more confident using one.

WORK/HEALTH/SAFETY. Previously known as ‘Occupational Health and Safety’ it is a responsibility for all of us to be aware of. Everyone is asked to advise the Parish Office if they see something that needs repair or could cause an accident so that it can be attended to. Thank you for vigilance in this matter.

FRANK HONAN: It is with great sadness that we report the death of Frank Honan, brother to Marg Croese and Annette Moore. Frank died on Monday the 7th September and his funeral was held on the following Friday in Melbourne. The family in NSW could only attend the funeral via video link because of COVID-19 restrictions. Frank loved taking photos and the office still has some of the cards he produced and donated freely. A number of our parishioners would have received one of Frank’s cards. Our prayers are with his family and friends. Hearty condolences to Marg and Annette.

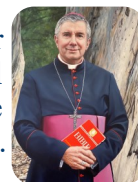
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Happy Birthday *There have been a number of birthdays celebrated during this past week throughout the parish including Kaye Shephard, Netta Behringer and Therese Masserot. We wish all those who celebrated or marked the date, our best wishes and give thanks to our God for the gift of you to us.*
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FREEZER: The donated freezer has arrived in the Kennedy Room and is waiting to be filled. These gifts of food are for anyone so they know they are being thought of. If you are able to make soups, casserole or even a cake to be sliced up it would be appreciated. Some cooks just make a little extra and freeze the extra portion. There are foil trays in the white plastic container on the presbytery veranda for collection. Frozen meals can be dropped off on Wednesday or Fridays during office hours. Thanks to Pat and Jan Morris for donating the freezer.


SALVATION ARMY MELBOURNE SAYS ‘THANKS FOR THE MASKS’.

The following is a letter sent from the Salvation Army in Melbourne who are receiving the masks we are making. *“On behalf of The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614 I would like to thank you and the members of your Caring Groups and wider community for your kind and thoughtful donation of Face Masks to The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614. We are deeply grateful for your donation which allows us to support our disadvantaged and vulnerable community in staying healthy and well throughout these challenging times. Thank you for your ongoing support of The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614. Brendan Nottle. Commanding Officer. 69 Bourke St. Melbourne VIC 300.”* The wearing of masks is still mandatory in Melbourne, consequently the need is still there. Mask ‘kits’ are still available for those who are able to hand or machine sew. Thank you for your help in helping others.

ARCHBISHOP’S VISIT. On Thursday afternoon 1st October Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting our parish Arrangements: Holy Mass 5.30pm. Dinner 6.30pm in the school hall to meet, greet and chat with the Archbishop. An opportunity for everyone. Please keep the date free. **HELP NEEDED:** Donations of food suitable for an evening meal would be appreciated. Further arrangements regarding meals will be forthcoming in the next Bulletin.



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL: Thank you to those who donated to this recent annual appeal. A total of \$1,197.45 was donated to this worthy cause. Thanks to all.

 **ST VINCENT DE PAUL 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. If you would like to make a donation towards supporting our brothers and sisters in our twinned conference in India in lieu of cash donations, you can make an electronic contribution to BSB: 062 786, ACC: 14760, Acc. Name: ‘Ozanam Sunday Appeal’. If you require a donation receipt, please email finance.cg@vinnies.org.au With your name, donation amount, donation date and our parish location (Moruya). **There will be a retiring collection NEXT SUNDAY the 27th September, 2020.**

CHURCH T.V. SCREENS: The screens are now up and working and training given to those needing to operate the system. The screens are a great asset to our liturgies and we thank those who donated \$6,910.00 so generously towards their cost. The total cost for purchase and installation was \$13,690.29. Included in this amount is \$1,244.57 GST.



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