

# 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



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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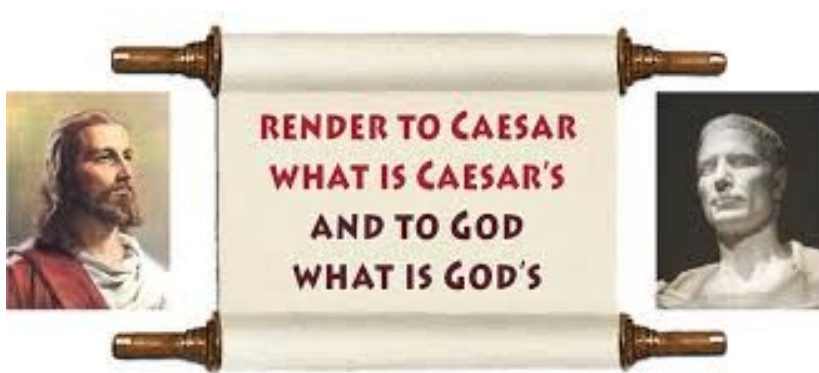
October 17 & 18 2020

## SO, WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR AND WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

The common theme of today's readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country, and how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and heaven. In the first reading and in the Gospel a world superpower is matched up against the kingdom of God. Isaiah the prophet foretells how the policies of the great Persian emperor, Cyrus, indirectly helped God's saving plan for His chosen people. The words of the responsorial Psalm "Proclaim to the nations: God is king", summons all Israel, all the nations and all creation to acknowledge and praise God

as king of the universe. The psalm reminds us that when people put God's kingdom first, everyone benefits. In the second reading, referring to Jesus' as "our Lord Jesus Christ," Paul acknowledges him as one who shares divine power with God the father. Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ his Son, assuring them of his prayers. In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" by stating "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." By this answer Jesus reminds His questioners that if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service of God and their obligations to God as their creator and Lord.

*Fr George Azhakath*



**Entrance Antiphon:** I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

**Communion Antiphon:** See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his love; that he may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine.

**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 45:1.4-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of  
the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

*(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

## Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15. 16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Shine on the world like  
bright stars;  
you are offering it the  
word of life.

**Alleluia!**



## Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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

1. **How do we “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s”?** Like it or not, it’s a reality that our ancestors created a kind of government that relies on a portion of its citizens’ income to function. Hence it is the duty of Christians to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be fulfilled? Another way of giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s, is to participate actively in the running of the government, electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts. Thirdly, we must submit to the civil authorities and respect the laws of our country in order to live in peace. As loyal citizens we must also see to it that the elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and promoting the welfare of its citizens. When the state oversteps the mark and puts itself in the place of God, Christians are in the last resort absolved from obedience. We must give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and not the things that are God’s. We must “obey God rather than human beings.”

2. **How do we “Give to God what is God’s”?** Since everything is God’s we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations and find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in faith and morals. St. Augustine teaches that when we truly succeed in “giving to God what is God’s,” we are, “doing justice to God.” This requires that we return to God, with dividends, that which God has entrusted to us, remembering that our gratitude to God giving back to God all that he has given us. This will help us to combat the powerful influence of materialism in our lives and enable the church to do God’s work. Our cash offerings signify our commitment to the ministries of the Gospel, the activities of the Risen Lord. Every pledge enables and empowers ministry. Every pledge, every dollar, touches a human life and brings it closer to God. Every pledge, every dollar given is transformed into love for someone else and for ourselves. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish by offering our time and talents, is yet another way of giving to God his due, our whole self.

3. **Check your heart’s investments:** When he says, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s”, Jesus is asking us whether we have invested our heart in the right place, in something worthy of our life’s blood, something that will yield a return that’s worthy of a whole human life. There is only one way to find out where our hearts are. Let us check our daily choices, the little ones as well the big ones, and look for the patterns”: What we usually do when decision time comes, where we spend our prime time and our best energies. These are the infallible indicators of what we truly value, and what we don’t. The patterns don’t lie. They tell us where our hearts really are. Are we giving our hearts to things that have no life to give us in return? “What return could a ‘heart investment’ in Caesar bring in the end?” Jesus asks us. “Absolutely nothing!” is Jesus’ answer. “If you’ve fallen for any of life’s tricks, don’t despair at all the wasted time and lost opportunities. Don’t give up. Instead, name your folly, and shed your tears. Then name aloud what is truly worth your heart, and give your whole heart to that. “I’ll be with you as you walk this new road,” says Jesus. “I’ll be with you all the way home!”.

**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: Graham Beer, Gail Fenton, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Catherine Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Paul Rummery Jnr., Jean Marrion, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker and Paul Croese. Love and prayers to all of them for a speedy recovery. Please advise the Office if you would like to be added to or taken off the list of prayers.



**HEALING MASS:** A healing Mass with anointing and special prayers for the sick will be held on the First Saturday of each month. The first Mass will be said on Saturday 7th November at 9.15am. We welcome the sick and anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament. **CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA-GOULBURN** invite all to join in a Public Forum (Zoomed) on Thursday 22nd October 5—6.30pm, on the topic: **How can The Light from the Southern Cross shine in dioceses?** Speakers: Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke. **FORUM CHAIR** Andrea Dean. **Further information about the speakers and Zoom details:** [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events)

**“The Light from the Southern Cross (Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia)”** is the historic review of governance in parishes and dioceses across Australia. It was produced by lay Catholics and clergy, having been commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious of Australia to canvas options for Church governance in the wake of the Sexual Abuse Royal Commission.. It has received broad acclamation in Australia and internationally. The majority of recommendations can be put in place now in parishes and dioceses national. This forum will examine the relevant recommendations from the report, and provide advice on how to go about these essential elements of reform. **Contact:** Mark Metherell 0417 603 697.

**DID YOU KNOW** that a time capsule was planted in the front of the church to celebrate 150 years during Fr Higgins time in the parish? Does anyone know exactly where it is and when it is to be opened?



**UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION DURING COVID** A talk will be held on **Thursday 29th October in the Tuross Head Country Club. 9.30am arrival for 10am start.** The **Tuross Head Caring Group** is presenting this sharing of personal journey with medical information to help others understand depression. It is a comprehensive and fascinating insight into the working and thought patterns of the brain during Depression. Many have asked if we could repeat this lecture so as their spouse/family members were able to attend, in order to have a true understanding of Depression. So please bring them along. Surprisingly, a lecture on Depression is not depressing, but interesting, educational and information. Open to all, however you need to register by phoning 0497 315534. We are following COVID safe guidelines.



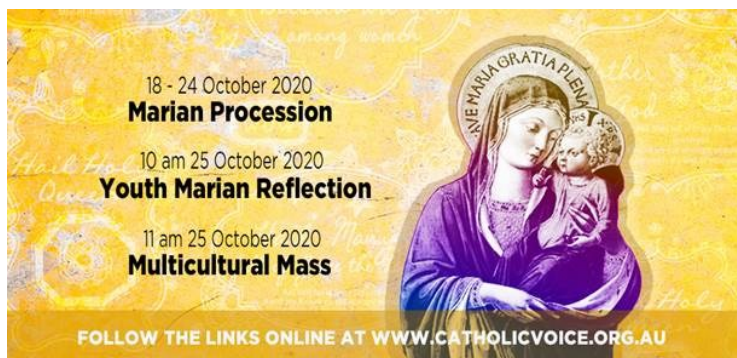
Presenter Angela Darcey.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE, MORUYA.**

The St Vincent de Paul Conference, Moruya are pleased to announce that we were recent joint winners in the Southern Inland Region NSW, volunteer organisation award. Along with a number of other Conferences in the area we were recognised for our work during the bushfires earlier this year along with our continued support of the less fortunate throughout the Covid-19 lock downs. ***"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands"*** - Frederick Ozanam, founder of St Vincent de Paul Society.

**THE ORDER OF MALTA:** Next weekend Frank Testa and friends from the Order of Malta who have been supporting our parish both during and since the bushfires will be visiting us again. Please stay after the 10am Mass and join them for a 'cuppa'. Their practical and spiritual support has been greatly appreciated.



Due to Covid restrictions, the **2020 Marian Procession** will take place online from 18 to 24 October. Led by our ethnic communities, the event is an opportunity for all to pray the Rosary together. We encourage you to gather online in hubs with members of the local parishes, their families, friends, or just individually to pray the Rosary during the week leading up to the celebration of the live-streamed **Multicultural Mass Sunday 25 October**. More information can be found at <https://hozana.org/en/community/9352-marian-procession>

**CONFIRMATION 2020:**

There are 13 students in Year 6 from St Mary's School making their Confirmation on Friday 6 November at 5.30pm.

The candidates are:

***Claudia Bettridge,  
Laylah Bettridge,  
Isaac Buttsworth,  
Annabelle Paull,  
Zack Whitby,  
Leila Salter,  
Tarlanya TeKowhai,  
Leana Browne,  
Mia Cottington,  
Millicent Harpley,  
Seth Hodgetts,  
Piper Schuchmann,  
Darcy Thornton.***



Please keep these candidates and their parents in your prayers.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL.**

**A special collection bag will be available for donations to this appeal at all Masses this weekend.**

Today is World Mission Sunday—a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life. Donations can also be made online: [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia).



**NOVEMBER 1st**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**(SUNDAY).**

**NOVEMBER 2nd**  
**ALL SOULS DAY**  
**(MONDAY)**

There will be a Mass said on All Souls Day (Monday) at 9.15am.

It will be followed by special prayers for the departed and a Rosary in our memorial rose garden.

**ART & LEISURE CLASS:**

The launch of this group was a great success and participants are looking forward to the next class.

Bert produced this charcoal drawing on the day as part of his introduction to the class.



***Happy Birthday*** ***Lorraine Moore***

