

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 .

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 24 & 25 2020

“Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

Jesus gave a straightforward answer, quoting directly from the Law itself and startling his listeners with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. He cited the first sentence of the Jewish Shema prayer;... *“Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength”* (Deuteronomy 6:5). Then He added its complementary law: *“You shall love your neighbour as yourself”* (Leviticus 19:18). Then He declared that the “whole law and the prophets” depended on the commands to love God “with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind” and “your neighbour as yourself.” Jesus actually combined the originally separate commandments and presented them as the essence of true religion. The uniqueness of Jesus’ response consisted in the fact that he understood the two laws as having equal value or importance. We are to love our neighbour and our self as a way to love God: God gives us our neighbours to love so that we may learn to love Him. Thus Jesus proclaims that true religion loves God both directly and as living in our neighbour. Biblical love of God is responsive gratitude for, and remembrance of, what God has done for us, rather than an independent project we undertake for God.



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Catechism on the greatest commandment: (CCC 2083 & 2196): Love of God means putting Him first, respecting His name and keeping His day. To love God means a dedication of the entire person to his will, placing Him first in the mind and the heart, speaking respectfully about Him, and keeping His day as one of prayer and true recreation, a day to keep His Law. Love of God transforms lives every waking moment of the day.

Love of neighbour means respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property. Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 indicate love in action. Loving our neighbour as ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect God gave them, This love begins at home with one’s parents. It then extends to others. Love of neighbour extends beyond our family and friends to strangers, especially to the poor, the sick, and the sinner. Love of neighbour knows no national borders or class distinctions or barriers of any kind, because God knows no such impediments.

Fr. George Azhakath

Entrance Antiphon: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength seek always the face of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.

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: Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, ‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for

the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.

We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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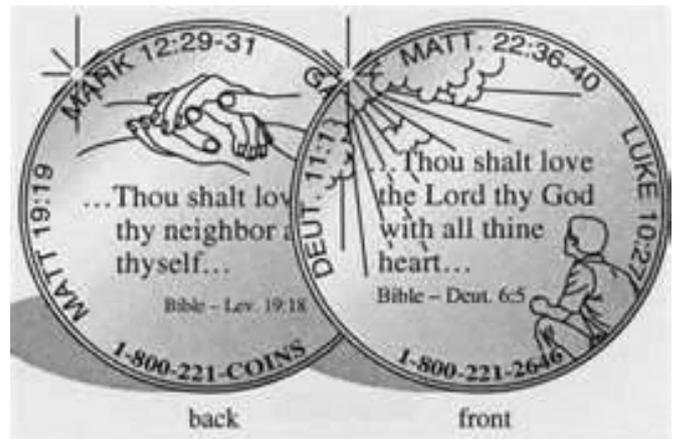
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. We need to love God: Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things and make it paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible, and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions.

2. We need to love our neighbour: God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in our neighbour. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbour as Jesus loves him or her. This means we have to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone, without discrimination based on colour, race, gender, age, wealth or social status. Forgiveness too is vital. We love others by not holding a grudge against a wrong done to us. Even rebuke can be an act of love if it is done with the right heart. We also express love through encouragement and by helping the other to grow. We express agape love by meeting a need that God has given us the power to meet, by comforting each other, by teaching each other and by sharing the gospel, in deeds and in words.

Month of October....more thoughts on World Missions:

How do we, as individuals, accomplish the goal of evangelisation? Jesus, the first missionary, made a permanent arrangement for inviting all men throughout the ages to share God's love and salvation: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you*" (Mat 28:19). This is why the Council Fathers of the Second Vatican Council declared that the Church of Christ "is missionary in its origin and nature." Hence it follows that the mission of the Church is the mission of every member of the Church, and is not reserved for the priest, the religious, and the active missionaries alone. Thus, every Christian is a missionary with a message to share: the message of God's love, liberation, and eternal salvation. The most powerful means of fulfilling this goal is by *living a truly Christian life*: a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion and a forgiving spirit. Mr. Gandhi used to say: "My life is my message." He often challenged the Christian missionaries to observe the 'apostolate of the rose'. A rose doesn't preach. It simply radiate its fragrance and attracts every one to it by its irresistible beauty. Hence, the most important thing is not the gospel we preach, but the life we live. **Prayer** is the second means of missionary work. Jesus said: "Without me you can do nothing". Therefore, prayer is necessary for anyone who wishes to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Since missionaries are weak human beings and since witnessing to Christ through life is not easy, we need to support them by our prayers. All missionary efforts also require **financial support** because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food and means of livelihood. The sick can experience the healing power of Jesus only through the dedicated service of doctors, nurses, and health care workers. Hospitals and nursing homes require funding. The use of expensive modern media of communication is often necessary to bring Christ's message of love and liberation more effectively to non-Christians in the modern world.



Reach out. Give life.

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Appeal through your prayers and financial support. Your generosity makes it possible for the Church, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, in Cambodia, to continue making the love of Jesus Christ real –both spiritually and materially. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or at catholicmission.org.au/contact Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia. We collected \$611.80 towards World Missions last Sunday.

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, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Paul Rummery Jnr., Jean Marrion, Monique Driver, Ester and Peter Morgan, 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 for prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Your prayers are also invited for the repose of the souls of: Alan Hardcastle who's anniversary occurs on Monday 26th October and Margaret McWilliams who was remembered on 22/10/20. *We especially ask for prayers for the repose of the soul of Eileen Hodson who died this week.* Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised.

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.



THE ORDER OF MALTA: This Sunday Frank Testa and friends Stephen and Daniel from the Order of Malta who have been supporting our parish both during and since the bushfires are visiting us. Please stay after the 10am Mass and join them for a 'cuppa'. Their practical and spiritual support has been greatly appreciated. We welcome them to our parish.

UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION DURING COVID A talk will be held **THIS 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.**



SHOE BOX BLESSING. This Sunday during the 10am Mass the shoe boxes which have been lovingly filled by donations of toys, clothes and various other 'goodies' suitable for transport to children around the world, are ready to be posted away. This activity is a combined Churches venture and our blessings go the recipients of these boxes who would not ordinarily receive any gifts at Christmas. We bless the volunteers and those who donated goods or supported it financially.

REMINDER:

CONFIRMATION 2020:

There are 17 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.*
- Tarlaya TeKowhai.*
- Leana Browne.*
- Mia Cottington.*
- Millicent Harpley.*
- Seth Hodgetts.*
- Piper Schuchmann.*
- Darcy Thornton.*
- Roy Edwards.*
- Chelsea Wood.*
- Charlotte Wood.*
- Madeleine Wood.*



Please keep these candidates and their parents in your prayers.

NOVEMBER 1st ALL SAINTS DAY (SUN).

NOVEMBER 2nd ALL SOULS DAY (MON).

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.



Disaster preparedness: MORUYA WORKSHOP. Emergencies don't just include major natural disasters like bushfires or floods. An accident, unexpected hospital stay, or illness also cause disruption and stress. The PREPAREDNESS session will look at: Responses; personal, community and communication.

DATE: Friday 30th Oct. **10am start -11am, AT:** SAGE gardens, 110 Queen St. **LUNCH:** will follow the workshop, with time to mingle and chat. Attendance and lunch are **FREE** (Supported by Red cross, NSW Department of Primary Industries and SAGE). **RSVP:** places will be limited, please register with Helen Smith, Bushfire Recovery Officer at: helen.smith@lls.nse.gov.au or call 0437037 34.



SPIRITUALITY FOR OUR TIME: PRACTICING CARE AND TENDERNESS

The next interactive reflection afternoon for Catholic women of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will explore 'a spirituality for our times.' Sr Clare Condon and Andrea Dean from the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will co-facilitate the 90 minute session on Saturday, 7 November from 3-4.30 pm.

In the light of the challenges of 2020, the participants will reflect on scripture, experience and extracts from Laudato Si', Pope Francis' inspirational encyclical on care of the environment. Co-facilitator, Andrea Dean explained that the reflection afternoon was an opportunity to look back in hope. "We have developed a reflection afternoon that is honest about our struggles but that is open to hope. We will grieve the difficulties but also move to celebrate how a spirituality for our time, in a world broken by the effects of the pandemic will be marked by care and tenderness."

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY. Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

NEW COVID PROTOCOLS: Effective 23/10/2020.

Mass No: Apply one person per 4 square metre rule. Maximum No: of people at Mass, in or outside, is 300.

Weddings: 150 or one person per 4 square mtr. Whichever is the lesser. Children count re capacity in churches.

Funerals: 100 people, or one person per 4 sq. mtr. Whichever is the lesser. Children count re capacity.

REMINDER: PLEASE KEEP FOLLOWING ALL OF THE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE CHURCH