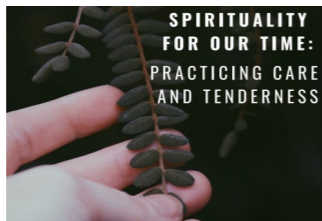


CONFIRMATION 2020:

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 Cottingham.
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.



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."

NOTES FROM THE PPC MEETING 28TH OCTOBER, 2020.

- Pastoral Care Plan: Parish Profile: Tim Cahill will be presenting the analysis from the 2016 NCLS and the national Census to the PPC in November.
- * Please remember to let us know at the office if you or a family member a having a special event: birthday, anniversary, new home etc.
- * Keep an eye out in the Daily Voice for a story on the Archbishop's visit to Moruya earlier in the month.
- * Discussion re Confirmation; Advent program and retreat; Healing Mass; Increasing attendees at Bodalla masses and ways to engage School parents.
- * Planning for Christmas masses and celebrations were discussed with a small team to continue organising: John Munce, Jan Morris, Marg Croese and Pauline de Grave. Please speak with them if you wish to help.
- * Discussion about our Welcoming process at each Mass. COVID has affected our practices in many ways but it is still important for us to meet and greet and ensure COVID safe practices are practised.
- * Discussion about ways to manage gatherings from the Kennedy room in inclement weather. Issue referred to finance committee.
- * There were some items that have had to be held over to the next meeting due to time constraints.
- * Please remember this is YOUR Parish Council so please discuss any agenda items/issues with any PPC member, Father or the Office. Sue McCosker : Chair.



NOVEMBER 2nd ALL SOULS DAY

Mass at 9.15am. followed by special prayers for the departed and a Rosary in our Memorial Rose Garden



Congratulations on their 54th Wedding Anniversary to Josephine and Deacon Paul Rummary who celebrated this special occasion last week and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jo for next week. Blessings on you both.

HAPPY BIRTHDY

Andy McCosker
28/10/2020

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

Turooss 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: Turooss Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993
Devotions: Daily Rosary after mass. First Friday Adoration & Benediction. 9.45—10.45 am



ALL SAINTS

-YEAR A-

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1 2020

1st NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS DAY

Honouring the Heroes of our Church.

We all need people to look up to; people whose lives embody the ideals we hold important and strive to emulate. Every form of human community has heroes. In Australian society football stars are an obvious example. The Country confers special 'honours' and 'awards' to those men and women for their outstanding achievements in society. The Church community too, is full of heroes and heroines. From the earliest days, it honoured the Apostles and the Christian martyrs who witnessed to their faith in Jesus even to the point of death. From generation to generation, the Church has continued to add to this list particular men and women, holding them up as examples of what it means to live a Christ-like life, so that we can learn from them and imitate their qualities.



2nd NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS DAY.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.



This is a day especially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone to their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. From time immemorial, people of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul, and have prayed for the dead. The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the soul of the dead would receive their final release. Since Jesus in no way contradicted this ancient belief, the efficacy of prayers for those who have died was incorporated by the infant Church in its teachings and practice. "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers" is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs. November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope's intentions.

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: Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R.

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope

must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate. *Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com*

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints. Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints. Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is *recognise* a person as a Saint, not *make* them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

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, Kylie Leplaw, 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.

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.

CARROLL COLLEGE YEAR TWELVE STUDENTS. There are currently 43 students sitting their exams. Please keep them in your prayers especially during this extra stressful time of their lives.

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.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven". *Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo 2016.*

November Mass envelopes are available in the foyer for you to offer masses for your dear ones.

November Mass donations are usually \$20.