

# 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



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 14 & 15 2020

## THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

**“You Have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater.”**



This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say:

*“Well done, my good and faithful servant!  
Come and share the joy of your master.”*

The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God gifts with *“the fear of the Lord.”* In today's Responsorial Psalm No. 128, the Sacred Writer echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The psalm affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and success.

In the second reading Paul advises us to keep awake, remain sober, encourage and build-up one another as we wait for the “Day of the Lord”. He challenges the Thessalonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action.

Today's gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God?

Are we doing everything we can to carry out God's will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

*Fr George Azhakath.*

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**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:**      Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

*A reading from the book of Proverbs*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

This is the Word of the Lord,

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

*(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Thes 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      Jn 15:4. 5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mt 25:14-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more.

The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents.

For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

This is the gospel of the Lord,

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

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

**1. WE NEED TO TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO MAKE USE OF THE GIFTS AND ABILITIES WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN:** Some of us are clearly very gifted with valuable abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. Why not follow the example of people who use their God-given talents the best way possible, such as nursing assistants who take great pride in keeping their patients clean and comfortable, or carpenters who gain enormous satisfaction from building quality homes, or teachers who find joy in the discoveries of the classroom, attorneys who keep the goal of justice at the very centre of their practices, etc? Most of these workers will never achieve national recognition like the authors of best-selling books or sports heroes, music idols or film stars. But they'll make a lasting impact on the world around them by their willingness to invest the talents they've been given.

**2. WE NEED TO MAKE USE OF OUR TALENTS IN OUR PARISH:** God calls us to live in a world of abundance by taking risks and being generous., In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the church and innovative educational events in the Sunday school. We can fulfill needs we will find right in our parish: feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and welcoming strangers in our midst. God doesn't want us to live in a world of scarcity; instead, he wants us to invest our time and talents in ways that multiply our effectiveness as ambassadors of Christ in the parish. We need to make the bold assumption that there's going to be a demand for every one of our talents in our parish community. We should step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be exceedingly useful and fruitful!

**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, Paul Croese, Pete Podgorszyk and Pauline Morgan. 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Helen Mary Mack (Sister of John Nader) aged 89 who died at Cooma on Wednesday night. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Our condolence to John Nader and extended family.

**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** 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 2 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. 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.*

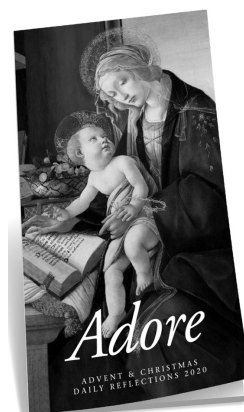
November Mass envelopes are available in the foyer for you to offer masses for your dear ones.

### **ADVENT PREPARATIONS.**

**PARISH RETREAT:** Discussion in the Parish Pastoral Council has led to providing a Parish Retreat in preparation for Advent 2020. Accordingly we will have Preaching and Reflection on consecutive Fridays 27/11/20 5.30pm—7.00pm and Friday 4/12/20 5.30pm—7.00pm. In the church.

**ADVENT PROGRAM:** Advent commences 29th November. The parish has purchased the Wollongong Diocese's Advent program "Adore" which has daily reflections. The cost per book is \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a book to use in your own home please indicate on the form in the foyer.

**ADVENT GROUP PREPARATION:** If you would like to attend the Advent Group Program which will be held Tuesday evenings after the 5.30pm Mass, please indicate on the form in the foyer. Books \$5.00.







**BLESSING OF THE SHOE BOXES.** The Shoe Boxes are an annual, ecumenical event where the boxes are filled with donated goods and sent overseas to children who would not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas. *Thank you to those responsible for organizing this.*

### **FAREWELL TO TUROSS PARISHIONERS:**



This Sunday we farewell two Tuross families. *Therese & Victor Zarb and Sue & Michael Wells.*

Both families have been active in the community. They will be sadly missed. We pray God's blessing on them wish them well and thank them for their friendship.

### **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:**

To Norma and Graham Beer on the celebration of 62 years of marriage. 8th November, 2020.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

To Ilonka Clynk. On 13th November, 2020.

*Best Wishes from the Parishioners.*

## **Students from St Mary's School who were Confirmed on Friday 6th November.**

