

# 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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

-YEAR A-

November 21 & 22 2020

## Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

**The lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and honour; to him be glory and power for ever.**

King of Kings.....throughout the centuries this world has seen kings come and kings go. But there is one King who is eternal: Christ the King. The last Sunday of the liturgical year is dedicated to Christ as King of our universe, of our hearts, of our lives. Christ preached many parables on the Kingdom. He stressed that the Kingdom begins within us—with a change of hearts in our relationship with God and our fellow man. What's one small change we can make today in relation to God and others?

Today's gospel reminds us that the man on the cross is not an object to frighten naughty kids, but our king and saviour who died for us, promising us eternal life. Today we are celebrating the feast of Christ the King. The Franciscan Order was instrumental in establish this feast and extending its celebration to the universal Church, following the lead of its great thirteenth century theologians, St. Bonaventure and Blessed Duns Scotus. It was Pope Pius XI who introduced this fest in the liturgy in 1925 because the people of the day had "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives" and "these had no place in public affairs or in politics." Although emperors and kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honour Christ as the King of the Universe, by enthroning him in our hearts and allowing him to take control of our lives.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are given an opportunity to recommit ourselves to him, for we know so well that without him there can be "no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations."

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour; to him be glory and power for ever.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

**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: Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6.

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And

when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Mk 11:9-10

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father  
David!

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

*A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me."

Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**All: Thanks to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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

1. **We need to surrender our lives to Christ's rule:** Since Christ our King lives as His Holy Spirit in our hearts, as his grace in our souls, we have to learn to live in his holy presence, doing his will by sharing his forgiving love and with others around us. We have to be constantly aware of his presence in the Bible, in the sacraments and in the worshipping community.

2. **We need to fight against the enemies of Christ's kingdom:** Terrorism has affected the entire world including Christ's kingdom on earth. These "terrorists" are people who slaughter the unborn; engage in a frontal attack on the modern family through provocative television shows, movies, music and pornography; eradicate any recognition of God from public display and public schools; and those priests and religious who abuse children. Hence Jesus the King needs convinced apostle, prepared and ready to fight against these enemies. The battlefield is the home, the school, the place of employment, the neighborhood, and the parish. These provide new and exiting challenges, new opportunities to stand up for what is right and to defend the truth of Jesus Christ our King. To ensure that Jesus is always the king of our hearts, requires great commitment, sacrifice, conviction, hard work and a lot of prayer.

3. **We need to use our authority to support Jesus' message:** This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the government, public office, educational institutions and family to use it for Jesus. Are we using our God-given authority so as to serve others? Are we using it to build a more just society, rather than to boost our own egos? Are we who are parents using our God-given authority to train our children in Christian ideals and the ways of committed Christian living?

4. **The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church year:** It is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great feast day, let us resolve to give Christ a central place in our lives, and to obey his commandment of love by sharing our blessings with all his needy children. Let us conclude the Church year by asking the Lord to help us to serve the King of Kings as he presents himself in those reaching out to us. "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Amen.

**Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! → Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!**

**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 Podgorczyk 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."

**DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR SALE:** There are 6 spare copies of available in the sacristy. Please place your money in an envelope with your name as you collect your copy. Cost: \$24.20. 

**SPIRITUAL CARE FOR LIFE COURSE:** As many of you will know I have been running Pastoral and Spiritual Care training courses here on the coast for many years. Angela Young joined me in this work in 2009 and Sister of Mercy Helen Kearins joined us in 2018. Both Angela and Helen are trained psychodramatists and are studying pastoral supervision with Transforming Practices and the Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice. This year we began a new program, **Spiritual Care for Life**. David Oliphant. Pamphlet available in foyer.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Will be meeting this Tuesday 24th after the 5.30pm Mass. This will be their last meeting for the year.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Will hold their last meeting for the year next Wednesday 25th November. If you have any items you would like to have discussed, you are encouraged to contact Sue McCosker. You can leave a message on the office phone, email the office or speak to Sue personally at Mass.

*On behalf of the parish community and myself, I would like to thank the members of both committees for their time and generosity of skills used in these ministries throughout the year and look forward to working closely with them in 2021. Fr. George.*

## ADVENT PREPARATIONS.

### PARISH RETREAT:

Parish Retreat in preparation for Advent 2020.

Retreat Preaching and Reflection on consecutive Fridays

**27/11/20**

**5.30pm—7.00pm**

**&**

**Friday 4/12/20**

**5.30pm—7.00pm.**

In the church.

### ADVENT HOME PREPARATION

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 **Available from Sacristy or Office. \$5.00**

### 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.

Available from the Sacristy or office.



Welcome to **Rita and Doug Marion** who have recently moved into the parish from Batemans Bay and are now living at Banksia Village. They are looking forward to being involved in parish life. As Doug is an Acolyte we will be happy to have his service in our parish. Doug is the eldest of Jean Marrion's 9 sons. Jean is well known in Tuross and Vinnies. Welcome!



**New Front Door for St. Edmonds Church, Bodalla.**



Congratulation to **Bert and Clare Broekhuysen** who celebrate 63 years of married life on 23rd November. Clare celebrated her 84th birthday on 16th November.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Welcome** to St. Mary's School children to the Solemnity of Christ the King Mass at 10am. Thanks for their involvement in the feast day Liturgy. Thanks to Marg Croese for her initiative and leadership.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES.

#### MORUYA

Christmas Eve: 6pm Vigil. Outdoor Mass St Mary's School. Bring blanket/chair.

Christmas Day: Sacred Heart. 8.00 am & 10.00 am.

#### TUROSS HEAD

Christmas Day: The Pines. 8.00 am.

#### BODALLA:

Christmas Day: St Edmunds. 9.30 am.

**NO BOOKINGS—FIRST COME BASIS.**

All Covid-19 protocols observed.

### **S** **YEAR 6 GRADUATION** **T** **MASS**

**10.30 AM 9/12/2020**

**M** *In front of the school Office*  
**A** *Near the statue of Our Lady.*

**R** We congratulate all Year 6  
**Y** Children as they move into the  
**S** next stage of their education.  
*Thanks to the school staff for their dedication to teaching.*