

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 .

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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



1st Sunday of Advent

-YEAR B-

November 28 & 29 2020

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

STORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH.

The origins of the Advent Wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic people who, during the cold December darkness of eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming of spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive and by the 16th Century they used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light.

Today the Advent wreath is a widely recognised symbol of Advent. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen laid flat to symbolise the endless and ever growing nature of God's love for his people. Four candles stand in the circle. Traditionally, 3 of the candles are purple and the 4th, the 'joy' candle, is pink. One candle is lit during the first week of Advent, two in the second week, etc. The candle reminds us of the light of God coming into the world and the light from the candles grow brighter as each week comes closer to Christmas.



Advent has a twofold character: As a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. (GNLYC 39)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH.

PRIEST: Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We ask you to bless this advent wreath which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem and your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption when you will come to reign as King for ever.

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE CANDLE.

ALL: O God, we remember the promise of your Son. As light from this candle, may the blessings of Christ come upon brightening our way and guiding us by His truth. May Christ our Saviour bring light into the darkness of our world and to us as we wait for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(one candle is lighted and then the following prayer is said)

ALL: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, Desire of every nation, Saviour of all people, Come and dwell among us.

PRIEST: During the Advent season may almighty God let the light of his Son shine upon us. May he fill our hearts with joy at his coming and lead us to life everlasting Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT SACRED HEART PARISH MAROUYA & DISTRICTS.

Christmas Eve Vigil: 6pm. Outdoors. St Mary's School. (Bring chair/rug)

Christmas Day: Moruya - 8am & 10am. Tuross Head: 8am. Bodalla: 9.30am.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
—at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



THE WORD AND LIFE this week...

1. An Advent project of being alert and watchful in the spirit of today's gospel: Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. Be being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself. Let us remember the saying of St Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

2. Being wakeful and watchful: We are so future-oriented that we often forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to provide our children with the best possible education to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritual wakeful and prepare for our eternal life because we can die any day, and that is the end of the world for us. Let this advent season be the time of such a preparation for us.

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.**

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, Pauline Morgan and Ron Parnell. 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: We remember the soul of Nickolas de Grave who died on the 30th November, 2019. Please keep him and his loving family in your prayers. May Nick's soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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

ADVENT HOME PREPARATION: Advent commences this Sunday 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 they are available from the Sacristy or Office.

ADVENT RETREAT: The Parish Retreat with Retreat Preaching and Reflections commenced on Friday 27th November. The second night will be held on Friday 4th December 5.30—7.00pm in the church.

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 are \$5.00. Available from the sacristy or Office.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS: Will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 10.30am in front of the school office, near the statue of Our Lady. We congratulate all Year 6 children as they move into the next stage of their education. 'Thank you' to the school staff for their dedication to teaching.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER: Please indicate on the form in the foyer if you are available for the various ministries over the Christmas period.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Des McCormack who turned 82 on 24th November.



BODALLA MASS THIS SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 3.00 pm.

**ST. MARY'S STUDENTS
CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING**



AN ADVENT PRAYER.

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave
when You sent your Son from Heaven.
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
You came as a baby born in a manger.
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
when He left the riches of Heaven
and wrapped Himself in rages of earth.
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.
And angels announced,
"Into your darkness, God brings His Light."
"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
Setting distractions and worries aside,
to You I surrender them all.
Surround me with Your presence, Lord,
I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me,
as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep me close to You, Lord.
It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.

Renee Swope, "The Manger of My Heart".

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Bar-B-Que Christmas party will be held on
Thursday 10th December at 5.00pm in the Church Grounds.**

All are welcome,

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.

**Big 'thank you' to all volunteers
who have helped in a Ministry throughout the year.**

**We will provide the meat. Donations of salads or sweets would be
appreciated if possible.**

A raffle will be held in conjunction with this event.

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize drawn.

DONATIONS TOWARDS PRIZES APPRECIATED

Preferably Christmas Hamper

Please leave your items at the parish office.