

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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Christmas Vigil

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“I Bring You News of Great Joy”

We share the joy of the angels and the shepherds as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the World. He is one with us, in times of darkness and hardship, in joy and celebration. He is Immanuel, God with us.

A Hearty Welcome to Christmas at Sacred Heart.

We welcome our visitors, guests, parishioners, friends and residents of Moruya to be part of our parish family at this Christmas and always.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN DRESSED IN BIBLICAL CHRISTMAS COSTUMES TO THIS CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS.

PLEASE FIND YOUR SPECIAL SEATS IN THE SANCTUARY.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY.

Dear Visitors & Parishioners, I wish all the happiness that Christmas brings to you & your family. May the deepest meaning of the celebration of the birth of Jesus in all its richness—inspire, strengthen, encourage & sustain each person, each family & our Parish community now & throughout 2021.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Fr George Azhakath msfs



Merry Christmas

THE GLORIA (sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

Greeting:

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. AMEN.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

R: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

R. Lord, have mercy (sung)

R. Christ, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is. 9: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, on those who live in a land of deep shadow; a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him; Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for His royal power, which he established and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

**R: Today a Saviour has been born to us,
He is Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**
4. With justice he will rule the world;
he will judge the people with his truth. **R.**

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14.

A reading from the book of Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are

waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation. Luke. 2: 10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good news and great joy to the world: today is born our Saviour Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!



Gospel. Luke 2: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census—the first—took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the field and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the Glory of God shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And there is a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

P. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your Spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.
R. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (Kneel)
P. The mystery of faith.
R. We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
P. Through him, and with him,

R. Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

(All stand)

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R. Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

P. Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help
of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and
safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on
our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and gra-
ciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with
your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the lord be with you always.

R. And with your Spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

R. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. (Kneel)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION.

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the support of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

THE CONCLUDING RITES.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.



It is Christmas: We celebrate this amazing mystery of God telling the story of His love towards us in the form of a vulnerable infant completely subject to pain, suffering and death. Is there any better way God can convince us that He really loves us, if not becoming one of us? That's why only we Christians dare to say "God is Love" and He is Emmanuel, ie God is with us; sharing our joys and sorrows, sharing our fears and death.

Behold I bring you news of great joy for all the people. Today a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This was the message of the Angel brought to the shepherds. Today through the voice of the church, this marvellous message is announced to us too. Let us open our minds and hearts to receive 'the great joy'. Christmas introduces us to the mystery of the incarnation that is the mystery of God's own Son taking flesh and coming to live among us.



We should remember Christmas is a family feast where the members of the family share the joy of accepting Christ with great joy. Share with your children the special traditions of our faith: the Nativity, the angel or star on Christmas tree, singing carols, the giving of gifts (Following the example of the Magi), etc. which will help the children to understand and experience the spirit of Christmas. Don't let Christmas preparations or family trouble and tension make you stressed to the point where your children suffer. Slow down, love them tenderly, and help them to experience, by your own attitude and example, the happiness of Christmas. Christmas is a profound time of thankfulness and joy. Thank God for the blessing of your own children and help them to see what a precious gift He has given to us in Jesus. All other gifts are placed in the proper context when children know that Jesus is the greatest gift they have ever been given. Remember the less fortunate at Christmas and pray for them at Christmas time. Perhaps you could make an extra donation to the Church or to a charity, or encourage your children to share a gift with a sick or disadvantaged child.

Invitation!

We welcome new residents of Moruya, friends and past parishioners to our local Sacred Heart Parish community. Our community is very happy to invite you to be re-united with us to nurture our faith together.

At every Christmas the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives: Our loved ones, friends and families—and our loving God who holds us in existence, in the palm of his hand". When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God is to join in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays, here in our local community. You are most welcome! If you would like to speak with the Priest or a member of the Parish staff, please call 44742024. We would love to hear from you and welcome you. God bless you at Christmas and always.



Thank you: As the year 2020 is coming to an end, we thank and appreciate the selfless and cheerful service and cooperation you have shown for the past year in the parish as members for the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Lectors, Caring Group Members, Collectors, Counters, Offertory, Musicians, Choir, Florists, Maintenance, Altar Linen Cleaning, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and others who have helped the Liturgy and up keeping of the Church in one way or another. Thanks to all those who contributed to the upkeep of the church by way of financial contribution and weekly collection throughout the year. We wish you all the best and look forward to the same and even better cooperation from all of you in the coming year. Thanks to one & all.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya. This is a part-time permanent position 12 hours per week, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am—3pm. **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Experience with Microsoft suite & database packages; strong communication and liaison skills; strong organizational skills; ability to work in a team environment and show personal initiative; Desire to share in the mission of Christ in the Catholic tradition. **SALARY** will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please email your application (including resume) to George.azhakath@cg.org.au Applications addressed to Fr George Azhakath, must be received by Friday 22nd January, 2021. Copy of duties available on request. The position to commence 3rd March, 2021.



Receiving Communion: Receiving Holy Communion is reserved to those Catholics who have been to the Sacrament of Confession recently and after an examination of conscience find themselves in a state of Holiness. All others are to refrain from receiving Holy Communion and are welcome to come up for a Blessing.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful, Prosperous New Year 2021