

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 Day

YEAR B

December 25 2020

"I Bring You News of Great Joy"

Today a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

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 this Christmas and always.

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



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.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) *All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he

made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke: 2:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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