

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.

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



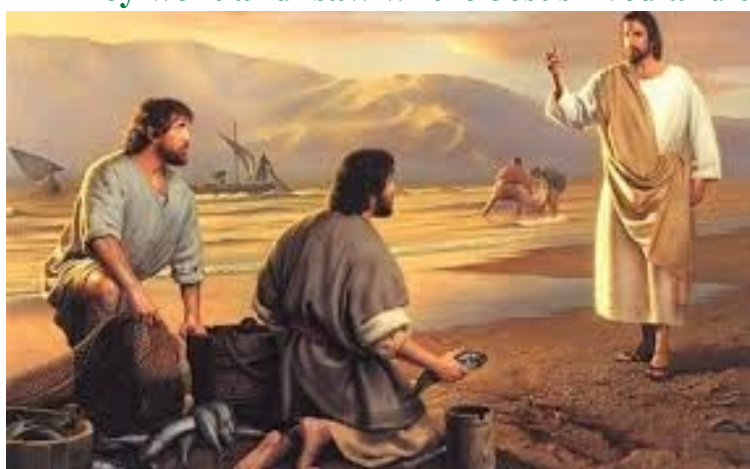
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Come and See”

“They went and saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him the rest of that day”



Today's theme is divine vocation. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with his life and with his unique gifts. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for the Lamb of God and to lead lives of holiness and purity. We are told that each of us, as a Christian, is personally called to discipleship, which demands an ongoing response of commitment.

The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service. The boy Samuel responded to God promptly, as instructed by his mentor, Eli, saying, “*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*” Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. In the responsorial psalm, the psalmist sings, “*Behold, I come to do your will,*” voicing his recognition that his vocation has called him to obedience to what God has commanded him to do. In the second reading, we listen to St. Paul speaking to us, too, as he reminded his readers that they had a divine call, a call to holiness. He argued that Christians had to keep their bodies pure and their souls holy because in baptism they had become parts of Christ's body and the temples of the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel, John the Baptist introduces Jesus to two of his disciples as the, “Lamb of God.” They followed Jesus to His residence, accepting his call to “*come and see.*” They went with Him and stayed with Him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother, Simon, to Jesus, introducing Jesus to him as the Messiah. Thus, today's gospel describes the call of the first apostles.

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: 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**



Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. Our Christian call is to live and die like the Lamb of God: We live like a lamb: a) by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love. b) by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in his Church. c) by partaking of the body and blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from his Holy Spirit through prayer and the sacraments. We die like a sacrificial lamb: a) by sharing our blessings of health wealth and talents with others in the family, parish and community; b) by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering; c) by offering our suffering for the salvation of souls and as reparation for our sins and those of others.

2. Our call is to rebuild broken lives: Like missionary call of Samuel and the apostles, we too are called. Our call is to rebuild broken lives, reconciling them to God's love and justice through Christ Jesus, our lamb and Lord. Through baptism into the Body of Christ we are empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit to free the oppressed. Through the love of the Lamb of God, we are called to better the lot and improve the broken spirit of all who have been exiled from the possibility of hope, exiled from God's righteousness or burdened by the yoke of spiritual, social, economic, and political dislocation. In other words, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the glorified Lamb, we are called to empower the human spirit with a sense of identity and purpose.

3. Our call is to bear witness to the Lamb of God: Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we are to grow in faith and become witnesses for him. Bearing witness to Christ is an active rather than a passive enterprise. Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. One could know the Catechism of the Catholic Church, all 700 pages of it, by heart, and still not know Jesus. Bearing witness to Christ, then, demands that we should have personal and first-hand experience of Jesus. We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives—through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers and through the sacraments, especially by participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice tolerance, mercy and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus. The essence of our witness-bearing is to state what we have seen, heard, experienced and believed, and then to invite others to "come and see." Other people will see Jesus in our lives when we love, forgive and spend time doing good. A dynamic and living experience of Jesus will also enable us to invite and encourage people to come and participate in our church activities.

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: 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, Pauline & Peter Morgan, Trish Tarlington, Patricia Behringer and Elizabeth Martin-Yates. 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.

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.



MEMORIAL BOOK UPDATE: If you would like a family member recorded in the Parish Memorial Book that is kept in front of the pulpit, in the church, please give name/s and date of death to the office by the end of January.

CASSEROLE BANK: If you know of anyone who feel uplifted by the gift of food please advise either Caring Group, a member of the PPC or the Office. Donations of meals, soups or slices of cake appreciated.

“WE ARE A FAMILY, SO LOVE EACH OTHER, HELP EACH OTHER, SUPPORT EACH OTHER.”

Basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski wrote a book called *Leading with the Heart*. Coach K was the highly successful basketball coach at Duke University, who led his team to back-to-back national championships in 1991 and 1992, and to eight Final Four appearances, beginning in 1986. In his book, Coach K speaks out of his own experiences of what he has learned about leadership in basketball, business, and life. His philosophy at Duke is very simple, but very profound. In essence, he says to his team: “We are a family, so love each other, help each other, support each other. We are a family, so use plural pronouns. It’s not about “me”, it’s about “us”, and what we can do together.... So don’t do anything detrimental to our family. If two freshmen oversleep and miss the team bus.. He doesn’t just deal with the two freshmen, he deals with the whole team. Why didn’t someone miss them? Why didn’t someone check on them? Why didn’t someone wake them up? If one of us is late, all of us are late! What happens to one of us... it happens to all of us...because we are a family.” Isn’t that a great philosophy for a basketball team...and a church? We learn it from Andrew! It is our responsibility, our privilege, our joy, to bring our brothers and our sisters into the presence of Christ. That’s number one...Andrew brought his brother.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES NEEDED.

If you would like to either continue, be included or need to retire from a ministry in our parish, please let the Office know as soon as possible so that the new Rosters can be updated and finalised. Ministry areas include: Readers, Special Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, setting up for Mass, Gardeners, Caring Group volunteers, Children’s Liturgy, Collectors, Counters, morning tea organisers. From time to time other areas occur e.g. selling raffle tickets, setting up tables/putting out extra chairs, helping to set up for liturgies e.g. Easter Vigil, Christmas Vigil. (Rosters to be finalised for 30-31/1/2021)

Currently we are needing Counters. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the counting and banking of monies and are available Mondays on a roster please let the parish office know. All volunteers in our parish need to read the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children, then sign and return the form to the parish Office stating you have read it. This needs to happen before you start your ministry. For those in the Caring Groups, Acolytes, Catechists, Priests and Deacons they need to have a Working With Children Approval from the Government. The Parish Office is legally bound to keep up to date records of Signed Code of Conduct forms and WWC Approvals and forward regular reports to the Institute of Professional Standards and Safeguarding in Canberra. John Munce has volunteered to help with making sure those on Rosters have been given a copy of the Code of Conduct or Working With Children forms to comply with regulations. We are all charged with the responsibility of looking after children.

Workers Health and Safety (WH&S. Previously (O.H.&S).

Is another area where we are all charged with making sure that each of us are safe by reporting any dangerous situation to the parish office or official or by taking an immediate step if needed. This is another Government Regulations and there are many Reports needing to be made concerning Fire, Electricity, signage and many other areas. Joe O’Connor and Damien Rogers are the volunteers in charge of this area and will be working in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council.

Caring Group Members require a Working With Children Approval as well as having read the Code of Conduct. There are a number of non Catholic Volunteers involved in this ministry of our parish who have agreed to the conditions and are thereby covered by Catholic Insurance.

Copyright is also a legal requirement and all hymns sung in our liturgies need to be under our copyright agreement and their titles reported regularly to our Licence provider so the composers can be paid. Rhonda Zammit has been performing this service to our parish for many years and continues in this ministry.

Thank you to all in ministry, those needing a break and welcome to the new volunteers ministering to our parish

*John the Baptist, pointing to his disciples said
“Look, there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”.
Our Christian vocation is to bare witness to the Lamb of God;
to live and die like the Lamb of God.*

