

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

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

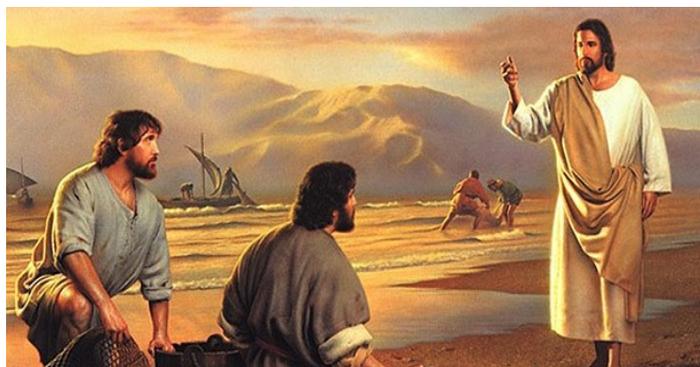
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JANUARY 23 & 24 2021

Repent, and Believe the Good News.

God's call to Discipleship with the response of repentance, Conversion and renewal of Life.

God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings. No matter to what life work or ministry God calls us, God first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance and thus continually becoming new people. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jonah did not respond quickly when God called him, perhaps because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy. God had to halt Jonah in his flight before the prophet could respond affirmatively to His second call to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. The people of Nineveh, however, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet.



In the second reading Paul urged the community in Corinth, and us, to lose no time accepting the message of the gospel because Jesus; second coming could occur at any time. Today's gospel describes how Jesus entered Galilee and began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for repentance. But Jesus added the good news that the kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where Jesus is, there is the kingdom of God. Then Jesus called on his listeners to believe in the gospel or he good news of God's love, mercy and salvation. Since discipleship is the appropriate response to Jesus' proclamation of the good news, Jesus invited Simon and Andrew and James and John to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry They promptly accepted his call. The two greatest aspects of discipleship in Mark are being with Jesus and sharing in his mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's kingdom in word and deed.

On Tuesday 26th January we celebrate Australia Day, which marks the beginning of British Occupation of Australia and is considered to be our National day.

Happy Australia Day! Happy Australia Day! Happy Australia Day!



In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

LLITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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.

WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. Let us appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and reconciliation, healed and consoled by anointing and made manifest in matrimony, or holy orders. God is relentless in calling us back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him.

2. Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church. Let us make personal efforts to see the light of Christ and to grow in holiness, learning the truths that are revealed through the Church and receiving its Sacraments. Let us be shining Lights in the world as Christ was and make a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the light, so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Please remember the soul Of Kevin Whitby who's anniversary was the 21st February. May his soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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. Containers are available from the presbytery verandah if required.

LENTEN PREPARATION GROUP—Expression of Interest. If you would like to attend a Lenten Preparation Group please indicate on the form provided in the foyer of the Church. Possible day Tuesdays after 5.30pm Mass. To commence the week of Ash Wednesday 17th February. Dates to be decided and published.

SCHOOL RESUMES Wednesday 27th January. We welcome back the students, parents and teachers of St Mary's and Carroll College and assure them of our prayers during the difficulties and achievements that lay ahead.

CODE OF CONDUCT: 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..



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

The Church in Australia will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7 in 2021.

Pope Francis last year instituted the celebration when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The date for marking the Sunday of the Word of God was set as the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Australian bishops, in light of the regular coincidence of the Australia Day holiday or associated long weekend with the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, decided to choose another date to mark the occasion. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference this week confirmed that date as the first Sunday in February.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

to meet next Sunday.

In light of the Word of God Sunday, Fr George would like to meet with all readers after each Mass NEXT weekend for 15 minutes. Please meet at the lectern/pulpit. Your attendance appreciated.



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)

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

Currently we are needing Counters. Do you have an hour to spare once every 4—6 weeks on a Monday? Two people are required to count and bank the offerings. The more volunteers we have the less frequently you are on the roster. Please give this ministry some thought and advise the parish office if you are available. This Roster will be finalised during the first week of February.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS:

“For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers [in Australia], the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to people all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted. *People Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008.*



We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land.