

WELCOME SEASON OF LENT.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 9.15AM & 5.30PM:

Ashes will be distributed at the 9.15am and 5.30pm Masses on Wednesday 17th February.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On all Thursdays of Lent after 9.15am Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTION PREPARATION GROUP:

Commences Tuesday 16th after the 5.30pm Mass. Daily reflection books are available for use in the group. We are using the Brisbane Archdioceses "Look To Jesus" reflections for Lent and Easter. This also called Pancake day or shrove Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday. The Lenten Reflection Preparation Group will meet in the Kennedy Room after Mass where a light meal of wraps and pancakes will be available. Please consider joining the group. All welcome.

LENTEN LIVE STREAM - CANBERRA-GOULBURN ARCHDIOCESE. 'Walk in the Spirit'

Walk in the Spirit will be live-streamed for six consecutive Thursdays during Lent from 7.30pm—9.00pm, 18th of February to 25th March 2021. Each session will include talks, sharing, prayer, and discussion opportunities. The sessions will be available for viewing via the Catholic Voice YouTube site and loaded up on the Walk in the Spirit website.

The sessions can be viewed live or after the event has been recorded. Participants will also be provided with a series of formation materials to support them on their Lenten journey. The sessions' recording will enable parishes with established Lenten groups to view at their convenience. For more details and to register go to <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit>.

PASTORAL NOTES ON LENT.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptized. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

- ♦ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- ♦ The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL.97,1251-52).



Project Compassion Sunday
14th February 2021



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

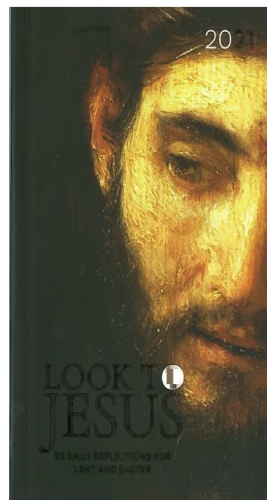
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Ash Wednesday

"Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return."

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."



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

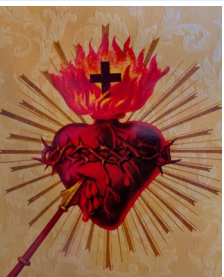
Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am. Fifth Sunday of the month 3 pm.

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Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

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



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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February 13 & 14 2021

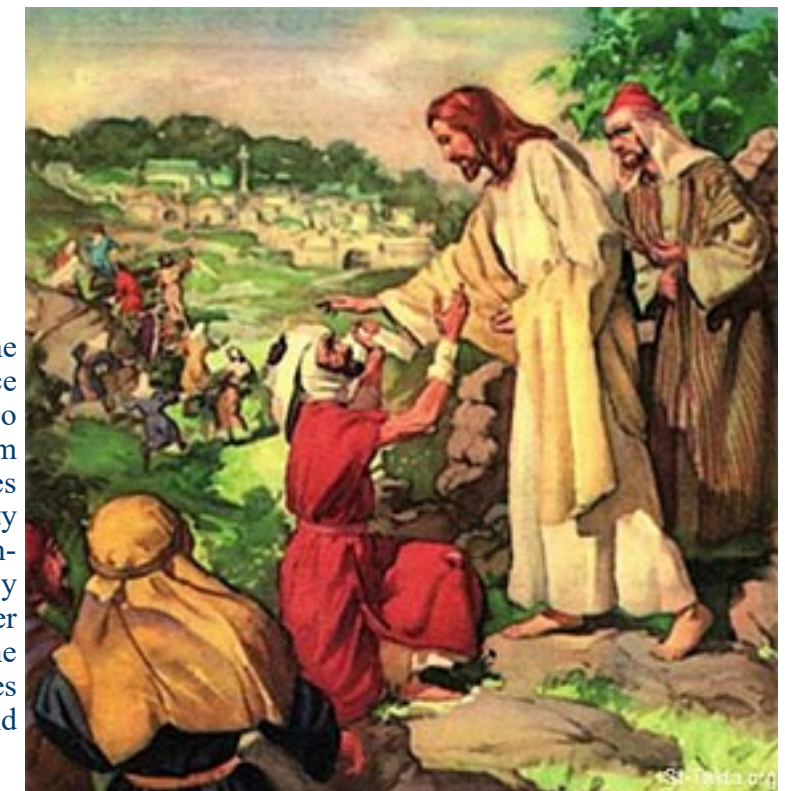
JESUS HEALS A LEPER.

Jesus healed the leper by

*"Stretching out his hands
and touching"*

the legally untouchable.

The liturgy of the word this Sunday contains the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance even when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is purity or holiness of soul coming from God that cleanses our lives. The first reading teaches the theme of freedom from bodily and ritual impurity as a sign of internal holiness. This freedom is symbolised by the precautions against contracting leprosy given in the first reading and the healing of the leper described in the gospel. The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and the rules for quarantining lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper.



In today's responsorial psalm, the psalmist exhorts us to rejoice in the Lord because He purifies us from our sins: "*I confessed my faults to the LORD, and you took away guilt.*" The psalm serves as a mini-treatise on reconciliation, covering the meaning of the spiritual leprosy of sin and showing how we are forgiven by a sacramental encounter with God. "*I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*" In today's epistle, St. Paul exhorts us to testify to our healing from the leprosy of sin by living changed lives, expressed in our doing "*everything for the glory of God*" and for the salvation of others. Today's gospel describes how Jesus heals a leper liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust and inhuman social isolation and ostracism to which the lepers were subjected.

Fr George Azhakath msfs

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.



WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. **We need to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean.** We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sins when we repent of our sins, because God is a God of love who waits patiently for us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We are sure to hear His words of absolution, "Very well—your sins are forgiven and you are clean" echoed in the sacrament of reconciliation.

2. **We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationship.** Jesus calls everyone of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, AIDS victims, alcoholics, drug addicts and other, marginalised groups including the divorced, unmarried, single mothers, migrant workers and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.

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 Office if required.



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 keep in your prayers Rachel Glover, our past parish secretary and her family. Rachel's mother Judy Lewis died in Moruya Hospital on Friday 12th February. Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised. Judy's death comes four weeks after her husband, Ted Lewi's death. Our prayers and condolences go out to her and her family.

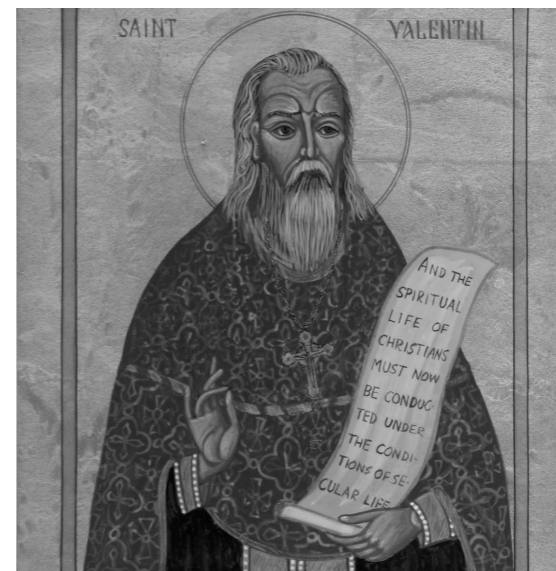
MEMORIAL BOOOK:

The memorial book that is kept up in front of the Sacred Heart statue has been updated with the names of those deceased entered on a page of the date of death. Please check that the entries are correct



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Kate Napier and Andrew Bezzina who were married in Sacred Heart church on Saturday 6th February by Fr Phillip Linder. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.



ST. VALENTINE.

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY