

NEW PARISH SECRETARY APPOINTMENT.

We welcome Vickie Moore as our new parish secretary. Vickie will commence duties on 24th March. Our old secretary's last working day will be 9th April.



THE WORK OF ST VINCENT de PAUL

The Moruya Conference of St Vincent de Paul operates from the back of the shop opposite the Church. There are nine members of the Parish, who work on a roster basis on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 12 noon. In the main most people from the district seeking assistance are interviewed on site.

In January 39 families were given assistance by the Conference in the following ways:

Food	\$1200	
Power bills	\$950	Di Fee
Telstra bills	\$350	President
Removals	\$260	St Vincent de Paul
Clothing	\$375	Sacred Heart
School uniforms	\$280	Conference Moruya

CLAIMING THE DATE. More details in the next Bulletin.

- 21/3 'Birthday Bash' for Fr George after the 10am Mass. Please bring a plate and BYO drinks.
- 30/3 5.30 Second Rite of Reconciliation with a PASCHAL MEAL to follow.

GARDEN TABLE SETTING: I am happy to introduce you to a new project/work that is underway for community building and gatherings for all parishioners to be erected under a natural setting and 'eco' friendly. Approved by the Finance Committee and included in the Budget 2021: * three Garden Table Settings of different lengths. * One including a wheel chair access. * benches and tables fixed to cemented surface *with triangular Sails on top for shade; * naturally set between the existing beautiful garden palms. It will include a BBQ table top, sink, power and water connections. Total estimated cost \$16,000.00.

Sponsors and donations are welcome.

Concreting:	3,150	<u>Cost of tables:</u>
Table Setting (3):	6,400	Table 1: \$1,800
Posts & Sails:	3,750	Table 2: \$2,000
BBQ Table Top:	1,100	Table 3: \$2,600
Electricity & Plumbing:	1,600	
Total:	16,000	

You are welcome to donate towards any of the above items. Plaques with your name inscribed may be placed to acknowledge your sponsorship/donation.

NOTICE BOARDS: The new notice boards will provide a separate space for the various parish activities. All notices are to be given to Fr George prior to placing on the notice board please.



The church foyer looking tidy and neat



TAP-N-GO:

An electronic payment machine has been installed in the foyer for the convenience of parishioners. Fixed \$5 donation point. It will be ready for use next weekend.



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath msfs
Secretary: Mrs Pat Anderson
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.
Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600
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

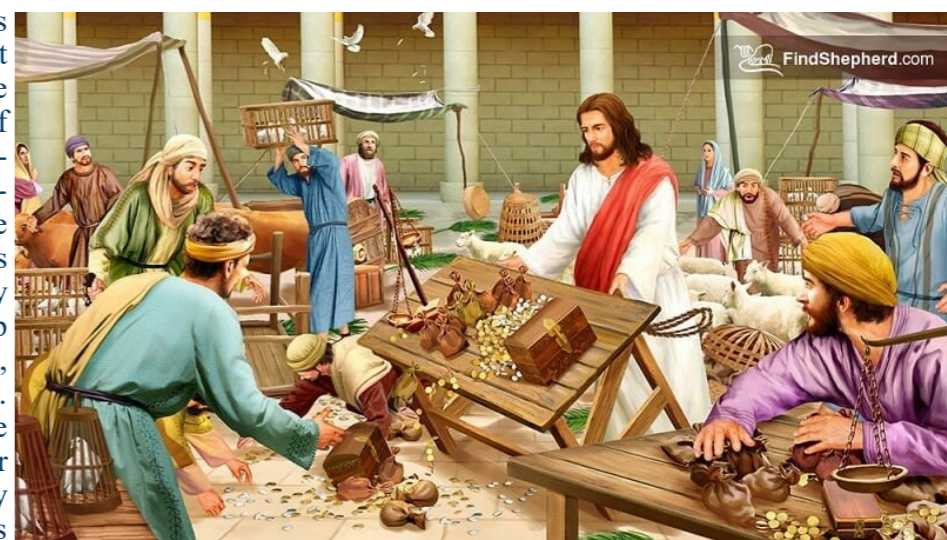


3rd SUNDAY OF LENT -YEAR B- MARCH 6 & 7 2021

Jesus Cleanses the Temple of Jerusalem

“Stop making my Father’s house a market place”

The central theme of today's readings is the challenge to keep our covenant agreement with Jesus Christ, just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament covenant with Yahweh by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. We become people of the new covenant by loving others as Jesus did by keeping our parish church holy and fully dedicated to divine worship and by keeping our hearts cleansed, just, holy and pure temples of the Holy Spirit. Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life, just as they formed a rule of life for the Israelites as the result of their covenant with Yahweh at Mount Sinai. The responsorial psalm depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold.



The second reading reminds us that we must preach the divine folly of the crucified Christ and the spirit of the cross, especially during the Lenten season. The message of the cross is God's wisdom and power and, foolish as it may seem, it is greater than the Law greater than the Temple greater than worldly wisdom or human strength. Today's gospel gives the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and money-changers, followed by a prediction of his death and resurrection.

Fr George Azhakath msfs

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of Hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

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: Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'

Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. We need to avoid a calculating mentality to divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Hence, fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment (hence, a loss), is a non-Christian approach. In the same way obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for heavenly reward are acts driven by a profit motive, or which Jesus would not approve. Hence, let us ask these questions during this third week of Lent: Can leading worship become simply a business for the clergy for which they are paid? Do the laity sometimes think that they are "paying" the minister to do the worship for them— thinking, "we pay them to do this for us"? Do we think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings? Do we use our acts of obedience to the Ten Commandments as bargaining chips with God? The theologian Karl Rahner put it this way: "The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles are what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable.

2. We need to remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St Paul reminds us that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred, jealousy and all evil thoughts, desires and plans. Reminiscent of what Jesus did in cleansing the Temple, we, as 21st century disciples, must, with His grace, cleanse ourselves of attitudes and behaviours that prevent us from seeing and responding to hurt wherever we find it. Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives during Lent by repentance and the renewal of our lives. We will drive out the wild animals that do not belong to the holy temple of our body by making a whip of cords out of our fasting, penance and almsgiving during Lent, and by going to confession to receive God's loving forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation.

3. We need to love our parish church and use it: Our church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let's look around our church this morning and treasure it. When we pass our church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let us make our church even more of a holy place by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

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: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Carmel Trenholme, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Jean Marrion, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Pauline & Peter Morgan, Trish Tarlington, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, John Nader & John Moore. 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:

Sadly another Religious sister has died. Sister Mary Howard, who was the last teaching sister at St Mary's died on Monday after a short battle with cancer. She lived in Port Pirie in South Australia. Please remember her in your prayers.

The Archdiocese is sad to announce the death of Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter. The Requiem Mass will be live streamed: <http://youtu.be/4H57POdMy9O> on Thursday 11th March at 11.30 am from St James Church, Adelong. Anyone attending the funeral needs to register. Details available from our parish office.



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PROJECT COMPASSION.

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 41

CAR PARK

If you are staying for longer than three hours in the church car park please park to the left of the driveway, as you enter the property.

Thank you.



BODALLA MASS : THURSDAY 11TH MARCH. 9.15AM AT ST EDMONDS.