

# 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.  
 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 before mass. First Friday Adoration & Benediction. 9.45—10.45 am (Incl. 1st Friday)

5th Sunday of Lent -YEAR B- March 20 & 21 2021

**IF A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS ON THE GROUND IT YIELDS A RICH HARVEST.**

**“Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.”**



In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by His suffering and death, in obedience to His Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Quoting the full text of Jeremiah 31: 31-34, St. Paul explains that the new and better covenant was inaugurated through the high priest Jesus' offering of himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sins. We cannot appreciate adequately the *“blood of the new and everlasting covenant”* that we share in the Eucharist without recognising the joys and sufferings, triumphs and setbacks that marked the history of God's covenant relationship with this people.

Using metaphors of the *“sown wheat grain”* and the *“spent life”* the gospel hints at Jesus' inner struggle in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the new and everlasting covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his *“hour,”* meaning the stepping stone to his passion death, resurrection and exaltation. Further, he considers his *“hour”* as the way of glorifying his heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. It is also the way by which he draws all people into the saving action of God. In addition, the *“lifting up”* of Jesus is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses. Thus, today's Gospel focus on the upcoming death of Jesus, which is interpreted not only as a priestly sacrifice (Heb 5), but also as the moment of his *“exaltation”* and glorification (Jn 12)

Lent's fifth Sunday's readings present us with a challenge. Just as Jesus became the *“Promised Messiah of Glory”* and the *“Conquering Son of Man”* by offering his life for others, we too can only possess heaven by dying to self and spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

**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.**

## HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2021

Sat. 27/3 Palm Sunday Vigil Moruya 6pm  
 Sun. 28/3 Palm Sunday Mass Tuross 8am  
 Moruya 10am  
 Mon. 29/3 Chrism Mass. The Cathedral 5pm  
 Tue. 30/3 2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Liturgy  
 Followed by Paschal Meal. 5.30pm  
 Wed. 31/3 Mass. Moruya 9.15am  
 Thu. 1/4 Commemoration of the Lord's Supper.  
 followed by Eucharistic Adoration 7pm  
 Fri. 2/4 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am  
 The celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
 Moruya 3pm  
 Sat. 3/4 Easter Vigil Moruya 7pm  
 Sun. 4/4 Easter Sunday Tuross 8am  
 Moruya 10am

### NEW PARISH SECRETARY APPOINTMENT.

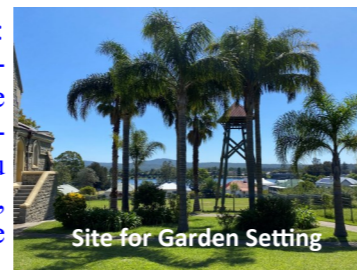
We welcome Vickie Moore as our new parish secretary. Vickie will commence duties on 24th March.

Pat Anderson's last working day will be 9th April.



### GARDEN TABLE SETTING:

Thank you for your whole hearted response to the Garden Table Setting project and donating towards it. Happy to inform you that cost towards Table 1, 2, 3,



Site for Garden Setting

expenses towards concreting and the BBQ table top are already sponsored. The remaining items are Posts & Sails: \$3,750., Electricity & Plumbing: \$1,600. Donations large or small towards these last two expenses would be much appreciated. **FRIDGE & FREEZER DONATIONS.** The Kennedy Meeting Room requires new self defrosting fridge/freezer for the Caring Group of the parish to store food that is given to those in need. The Hospitality group also need a fridge to keep food in especially for our Sunday morning gathering after Mass. We are looking to purchase a combined fridge/freeze to the value of \$1,000.00.

**Donations would be welcome.**

**DIRECT DEBIT ACCOUNT DETAILS:** Account Name: Sacred Heart Moruya. BSB: 062-786. Account Number: 000014984.

## 2nd Rite of Reconciliation TUESDAY 30th March 5.30pm

Second Rite of Reconciliation and liturgy with individual confession. Guest priests will be Fr John Walter, and Fr. Martins Aloga. This is in preparation for the entire paschal triduum therefore there will be no confessions until after Easter Sunday.

**PASCHAL MEAL to follow.** All welcome, just join in this community gathering and celebration of the paschal remembrance.

## TAP & GO

The Tap and Go machine in the foyer is now available for parishioners convenience.



The machine is set at \$5.00

## Happy Birthday

Fr George. (24/3)

### This Sunday 21st

'Birthday Bash' for Fr George after the

10am Mass. Please bring a plate and BYO drinks.



## Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary

Pauline & Ron Parnell.

Married on the Feast of St Joseph 19th March, in St Bernard's Batemans Bay.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Jer 3:31-34

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

**(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 12:26

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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### Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

**Communion Antiphon:** Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### WORD AND LIFE this week....

**1. To receive new life and eternal life we need to die to ourselves through suffering and service:** Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by having its wax melted and its wick consumed. The oyster produces a priceless pearl through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. We need to pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

**2. Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in heaven:** We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, at the invitation of Jesus, gave up her comfortable teaching career and, with just 17 cents in her pocket, began her challenging life for the “poorest of the poor” in the crowded streets of Calcutta. Thus she became, in the world of the secretary General of the U.N., “the most powerful woman in the world.” We see similar cases in the histories of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

**3. It is better to burn out than to rust out:** This is one of the pieces of advice Jesus gives us repeatedly (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25, 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). Bernard Shaw in his play, Joan of Arc, shows the saint as praying: “lord I shall last a year; use me as you can.” Many charitable foundations and research institutions are financed by generous millionaires who have understood this great principle of life (e.g. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill Gates Foundation for AIDS Research), though others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves. Let us learn to live this Lenten period “burning out,” spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless, self-giving service. “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the people you can, as long as ever you can” (John Wesley).

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND.

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksvillage, 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.

**A more ardent prayer request is made again for a speedy recovery of Anthony Morris and Gerry Ebbelaar who are in intensive care in the hospital.**



### St Vincent de Paul "Knock on Effect" Appeal

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th March there will be a collection to support the work of St Vincent de Paul in our community. In 2020 the far south coast spent \$214,837 assisting those in need (not including bushfire victims). As well as providing physical assistance, Companions are given contacts for professionals who can support their road to recovery eg. Financial counselors, housing advocates. We urge you to assist our endeavours to continue this work through your generous donation.



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.** You can donate through Parish boxes and enve-



lopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH. Feast Day 19th March. Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

