

PPC PLAN is still in process. This month we will be finalising the **Planning & Leadership** section. Please remember this is YOUR Parish Council and we hope you will contact us through the office or PCC members with ideas or issues. Sue McCosker (Chair)

Resuming Banksia Village Mass: Negotiations are in progress to re-start Mass at Banksia Village possibly on Wednesdays, at 11am occurring fortnightly.

What's happening at St Mary's School:

5 May, 5pm: Sacrament of Confirmation Parents enrolment Meeting

13 May, 9:15am: whole School Mass

20 June, 10am: Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations!
to our own Fr George
on the occasion of the
**32nd Anniversary of his
Ordination to Priesthood**
on 30 April



*Happiest of Birthdays to our
dearest former Parish Secre-
tary, Mrs Pat Anderson who
celebrated her Birthday on
29 April. We sincerely hope
you had a lovely day Pat!*



PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

We pray thee, dearest Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit,
To the youth of this country
That they may discern their vocation
And respond with generosity and courage
To their call to Priesthood and Religious life.
Give us good priests, Lord,
Keep them ever holy, for they are Thine;
Thy priests whose lives burn out before
Thy consecrated shrine.
Keep them your own, for they are in the world
Through from the world apart.
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure
Shelter them in Thy Heart.
Comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain
Keep them as spotless as their bridegroom.
Bless their every thought, word and deed.
Mary, our mother! Help them always
To be like your son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath msfs
Secretary: Mrs Vickie Moore
Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 9am—2pm
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. Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.
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. Adoration & Benediction. Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 1 & 2

I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

“All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit”



We are part of the new vineyard, but it can grow and multiply only if we remain united with Christ the true vine. From the resurrection of Christ springs up the new vineyard which will cover the whole world. Those who believe in the word of God are granted on to the new vine. Those who remain firm in the faith will extend the influence of Jesus Christ to many people, thus bearing much fruit. Genuine faith is contagious, and if the word meets resistance, that will prompt the faith to be purer and more vigorous. The crisis of the mission perhaps points to the crisis of our faith. What does it mean for us to believe in Christ, to “remain” in Christ? If the source is blocked, the flow of water is scarce. If the profession of faith is tasteless, how can our evangelisation be fruitful? Only a convinced believer can convince another person. Without Christ we can do nothing. How can we bring back to the Church her dynamic vitality?

In what way can the Gospel become once again the festive wine for the people of today? Fr George Azhakath

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in , and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

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.**

Plenary Council Prayer: Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost! Come Holy Spirit of the Great South Land! Oh God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a Hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey, from age to age, Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
‘These things the Lord has done.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows
everything.
My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God’s presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

WORD AND LIFE this week....

1. We need pruning in our Christian life.: Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighbourhood and society enable us to prune our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and to treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with courage of our Christian convictions.

2. Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine drawing its life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible and selfless, loving acts of kindness and mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

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 Marion, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlington, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, Anthony Morris and Julie & John Kay.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED OR REMOVED FROM THIS LIST.

Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11th May St Mary's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27th at bit.ly/TMCinfonight Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister> General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal— **Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:** We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling. The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: 1)by envelopes; 2) by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep; or by calling (02)6239 9801. Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education (envelopes are provided on the pews).

DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING Register for the Eastern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting taking place at **10am Tuesday 4 May 2021**. Register at <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document “Continuing the Journey” available at plenary.council@catholic.org.au. Parishioners John Munce and Sue McCosker will be attending the **ZOOM Plenary Deanery** meeting on Tuesday, 4 May. Other interested Parishioners are welcome to register to join the meeting.

BODALLA MASSES: From May 2021 onwards, Bodalla Church will have a monthly Sunday mass said every 4th Sunday at 3pm (up to now Mass was every 5th Sunday of the month). We will continue with weekday mass on every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Readers’ Ministry: There will be a 15 minute gathering after Mass on **Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th May 2021** in the church to discuss rosters and responsibilities.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Ministry: There will be a 15 minute gathering in the church after Mass on **Saturday, 22nd and Sunday 23rd May** to discuss rosters and responsibilities of this Ministry.

Save the Date: The Parish will be hosting a Farewell/Welcome for Pat Anderson and Vickie Moore after Mass on 16 May. More details to follow.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child: This year we will be having three full working bees on the following dates at our **Church Red Door Hall** on **Saturday 15 May, Saturday 7 August and Saturday 4 September**. The times will be 10am until 4pm but for the first working bee in May, we will have a chat about what a shoe box will do for a child/family/community and we’ll show a DVD. That will be at **10:15**. You can come and go and stop and start as you wish, but we’ll stop for a social time from 12:30-1pm, when we’ll have a lunch together. Please bring your own lunch, there will be tea/coffee and biscuits all day. The boxes will then be ready for a Blessing of the Shoe boxes service on **Sunday, 10 October**. If you have any gifts to share, or wrapping paper for boxes, or your sewing machine and materials—wonderful, but please don’t feel you have to bring anything, just come. For more information, please contact Liz on 0487 170 777.