

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart -

Feast Day of our Parish

This year the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Patron of our Parish, falls on Friday, 11 June. We will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at the weekend masses. On Sunday, 13 June we are planning to organize a High Morning Tea and all are welcome to participate actively as it is our community celebration. Novena to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at all weekday masses for nine days beginning 3 June. with you all a meaningful preparation.

'Come let us Celebrate'

Our Parish Feast of Sacred Heart and 200 years of Catholic Education Friday, 11 June.

Feast Day Mass at 9:15am, followed by parishioners, children, and grandparents attending morning tea and celebration at the School starting at 10:30am.

The children will entertain with song and dance. Parishioners and parents are welcome to join the 200 years of Catholic Education celebration in the school. Please bring a picnic lunch with you and maybe a plate to share as well. Could you please indicate how many from your family will be attending the celebration on the sheet provided in the Church foyer for catering purposes by 6 June.

Sacred Heart League Moruya

I am encouraging Parishioners to join our Prayer Group "Sacred Heart League, Moruya" for personal sanctification and support to the Parish Community. **Motto:** spread devotion to Sacred Heart;

Activity: Friday devotion to Sacred Heart: attending Mass, Adoration and Benediction.

Membership: to all interested Parishioners under the banner of the Sacred Heart for mercy and protection.

The group will be consecrated to Sacred Heart on the Feast Day, 11 June at 9:15am mass. Please register your name and phone number on the sheet provided in the Foyer.

Novena to the Sacred Heart

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "Ask, and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." Behold, I knock, I seek and I ask that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you." Behold, in Thy Name, I ask the Father that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away." Behold, encouraged by Thy infallible words, I ask that my prayers be granted. (Repeat your petition again.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, for Whom one thing alone is impossible, namely, not to have compassion on those who are afflicted; have pity on us poor, miserable sinners, and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thine and our tender Mother.

Pray the *Hail, Holy Queen.*

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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 and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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

Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Corpus Christi



The feast and its objectives: Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honour him there; 2) to instruct the people in the mystery, faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist; and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the three year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*. In Year A the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Year B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Year C the theme focuses on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called *Corpus Christi*. It was Pope Urban IV who extended the feast to the universal Church. This is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a procession and a *Sequence* sung after the Second Reading, just before the Alleluia verse.

The historical development: Today's feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of *Corpus Christi*. In the reforms of Vatican II, *Corpus Christi* was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*. We celebrate today Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563) declared that we must honour Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of the Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ present in this great Sacrament. "*The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present, together with His Soul and Divinity, by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass.*"

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood with live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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.

Feast Day special: one hour Adoration and Benediction starting 5:30pm on Friday, 11 June. All welcome.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer

are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week....

- 1) **A message of unity and sacrificial love:** The Eucharist, (the body and blood of Christ) teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. Just as numerous grains of wheat are ponded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to be united with one another and to allow and work with the Holy Spirit in transforming us into Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the head and we are the body. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents for our fellow members in Christ's mystical body. This is symbolized by our sharing in the same bread and the same cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.
- 2) **The duty of preparing properly to receive Holy Communion:** We have tarnished God's image within us through acts of impurity, injustice, and disobedience. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the sacramental confession of grave sins before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St Paul: **"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves."** [1 Cor. 11:27-9]. Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect — not merely as a matter of routine. St Paul is speaking also of the mystical body of Christ, ie, the people of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters.
- 3) **Let us become Christ-bearers and conveyers:** By receiving Holy Communion we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND.

We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at BanksiaVillage, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysen, Trish Tarlinton, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, Anthony Morris and Julie & John Kay, Pat Anderson, Lee Maat and Mary Sandeep.

PPC Update

A retreat is currently being organized at the Jamberoo Benedictine Abbey on the 14th, 15th & 16th September. Sue McCosker has provided an information sheet with booking and payment information which is provided in the Foyer. For Booking and payment details please contact Sue on 0426820860.

The PPC are also currently working on the **Pastoral Plan: Vision, Mission and Values**, and on **'Bringing Together'** a Parish function in August (watch this space)!

Garden Table Setting: Those who donated towards the Garden Table Setting are asked to kindly advise the Parish Office with suggestions of what you wish to put on the plaque ie, wording and names to recognize your kind sponsorship. We wish to order the plaque soon.

The Caring Groups are collecting items to put together for Women's self-esteem packs for women in need. Donations of toiletries etc are welcome as well as handmade zipper bags to package them.

On 16 July 2021 the **Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce** will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club, Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, **Sr Margaret Beirne** RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/>