

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.

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



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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June 19 & 20 2021

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.

Happy Birthday to Louise Strahlendorf who celebrated her Birthday on 17 June.



Welcome and Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates:

Autumn Bonner-Coombes, Bianca Brooke, Lucas Brown, Tyler Chown, Cooper Cole, Kaylee Denys, Kade Dowling, Michaela Fitzpatrick, Charlie Gwynne, Zara Hall, Amelia Hick, Ruby Hodgetts, Vivienne James, Murray Lyons, Jayden Parnell, Cameron Paull, Alexandra Phelan, Charlotte Robinson, Cecilia Schofield, Adam Strahlendorf, Millie-Rose Thornton

All parishioners are welcome to join the Morning High Tea with the newly confirmed young parishioners.

Feast of Sacred Heart Morning High Tea, (13 June 2021) *A sincere thank you to all to our wonderful parishioners, and the members of the Hospitality Team for organising the Morning High Tea which was enjoyed in the beautiful sunshine on the Parish grounds following the solemn Mass on Sunday.*



Jesus Calms the Storm

The role of God in calming the storms of life both in the history of the Church and in the lives of Christians is the central theme of the readings for this Storm Sunday.



Jesus, who helped his Church to survive the storms of

persecution, heresies, splits, and clerical pedophilia scandals, continues to help his followers to face the manifold storms in their Christian lives.

The first reading God addresses Job for the first time, questioning his right to challenge God's authority and leading Job deeper and deeper in the mystery of creation. He tells us how the Lord speaks to Job whose life was devastated by storms of illness, the deaths of his dear ones and the total loss of his possessions. "Out of the storm," God reminds him that He is in control. Today's responsorial psalm picks up the storm theme and tells us how the Lord saves the sailors caught up in the high waves of a tempest by "hushing the storm to a gentle breeze." "they who sailed the sea in ships ... saw the works of the Lord and His wonders in the abyss." The second reading explains that Jesus died for us to make us a 'new creation.' In order to receive this gift, we have to respond to his love by living for him in all situations of our lives. In other words, Paul celebrates this saving significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and of our participation in the mystery.

In today's gospel Mark assures the first-century believers that nothing can harm the Church as long as the risen Lord is with them. He describes how, by a single commanding word, Jesus stills a storm on the Sea in Galilee, returns the sea to its natural order and saves his followers from drowning. The incident reminds us to keep Jesus in our life's boat and seek his help in the storms of life.

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 Jb 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:14-17

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ,

there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE ... this week

Life messages: Accommodate Jesus in the boat of your life: We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives; physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation and passion. But only Jesus can still these storms. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day. When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our faith, Jesus is there to still the storm, revealing to us his divinity and the authority behind the words of the Holy Scripture. Jesus give us peace in a tempest of doubt, tension and uncertainty, provided we humbly submit to Jesus' guidance. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, about the known future and about those we love. Jesus calms the storms of passion in people who have hot hearts and blazing tempers.

“Lord, don't you care about us” Sure, He does! Is Christ asleep? We might often be tempted to think so when we sit by, helplessly watching the sufferings of a loved one, or in the face of personal tragedy, or in times of depression or natural disaster. In such moments we instinctively turn to God and yet sometimes we don't find Him or he seems far away, apparently busy with other matters. But in our Gospel passage today, Jesus does calm the storm. And that's just it. Jesus does calm the storm—not all storms forever, but each storm individually at the right moment, just when calming is needed.

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, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Elizabeth Martin-Yates, Anthony Morris, Julie & John Kay, Pat Anderson, Lee Maat and Mary Sandeep.

Jamberoo Retreat: Only 12 rooms left so please book as per information at the back of the Church in Moruya and Tuross. The retreat is being organised by the PPC to bring together community members who wish to come along for a time of reflection away from daily life, There will be opportunities to have teaching from the Benedictine nuns, times of silence and praying during the Office of Hours with the nuns in their beautiful Abbey.

Vinnies Conference Update: We recently had some good news from the Canberra head office regarding funds for emergency accommodation. Although the money has to be acquitted by the end of June we have found some very worthy recipients. With such a short timeframe we have been able to work with local organisations, Anglicare, IMPACT and The Family Place to ensure that the money is being spent where it is most needed.

St Mary's Primary School have once again conducted a tinned food drive to support the extra food needed over these colder months. We are so grateful to all the families and staff for their generosity and time spent in making this happen.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Planned Giving boxes containing envelopes will be ready for collection this weekend and 26 June. **Please be reminded not to use old envelopes from the first weekend in July.** The envelope boxes have been renumbered and if old numbers are used, it will not be recorded against the correct name. Please collect your Planned Giving boxes in the Church foyer.

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. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

New Rosters for Readers and Eucharist Ministers Updated rosters have been provided and have been emailed to relevant Ministers and Readers with copies also available in the Church foyer.