

CHANGE OF DATE Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner Due to COVID considerations, the Magdalene Dinner will now be held on Friday, 3 September, still 6:30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Your ticket remains valid for Friday, 3 September. If you require a refund, no problem, contact elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com or ring 0432 608 310. Limited tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>.

The Caring Groups Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards the women's self-esteem packs for women in need. Donations of toiletries etc are still welcome and next weekend will be the final collection for items. Please place items into the container which is in the foyer of the Church

Notes from the PPC June meeting

- The Pastoral Plan is ready for comment and feedback. Please watch for a copy to review and provide feedback.
- Paddy Pollock and Jo Rummery have retired from the PPC following the June meeting. Thank you both so much for your service, wisdom and contribution to the Council over the last 2 years (and may I add many years before that).
- Fr George tabled the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Christopher Prowse - *Breathe In, Breathe Out* -we will be reflecting on this message and encourage the Parish to do so. (Sue McCosker, Chair)

Emerging as a more equitable Nation after Covid-19 We find ourselves pondering whether Australia will ever be the same after COVID-19. However, it might be more useful to consider whether we should arise from the pandemic the same after COVID-19. "After suffering together through the pandemic, Australians should forge forwards with humble hearts and a unity of mind and armed with a renewed sense of equality and care for one another."

"Our gifts of acceptance, tenacity, perseverance and faith in a Greater Being are what we want to share with Australia and what we want Australians to embrace".

The theme 'Heal Country'

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters.

This connection to country and all of God's creation is core to their spirituality as a people and that of their ancestors. The term itself—Country—encompasses far more than the physical land. "For us, Country is a word for all the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains". Explains Professor Mick Dodson

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.**



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

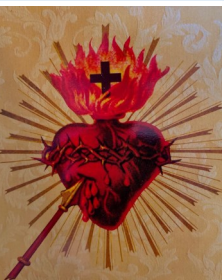
Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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3 & 4 July 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

4 July 2021 Theme: *Heal Country*

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly. Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We respectfully acknowledge the Yuin Nation of Eurobodalla and the continued spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples to this Country and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



NATSICC Acknowledgement Plaques

The NATSICC plaque is endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops for use in Schools, Parishes and Catholic Organisations. The plaque features artwork designed by the Murri Ministry team in Brisbane, Queensland and depicts Reconciliation and togetherness in Christ. www.natsicc.org.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man’s disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



This Gospel passage shows how people of Jesus’ hometown Nazareth did not accept him because they knew him and his family. Besides, they misunderstood his messianic claim and rejected him, prompting Jesus to remark wryly, “*No prophet is without honour except in his own country.*” The limited expectations of his own people explain how Jesus was prevented from doing any mighty deeds in his own town. Jesus “*was not able to perform any mighty deed because of their lack of faith*”.

THE WORD AND LIFE ... this week

1. Let us face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. The story of Jesus’ rejection in his own town is a story that we can identify with, because it is a story that has happened to most of us. We might have experienced the pain of rejection caused by hurts, wounds, betrayal, divorce, abandonment, violated trust, trauma, neglect or various forms of abuse. What about rejection by those closest to us? Often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to, and refuse to accept, the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them, because they are too familiar with us. Hence, they are unable to see us as God’s appointed instruments, the agents of God’s healing and saving grace. Let us check also the other side of the coin. How often do we discount God’s agents through prejudice? How often do we fail to see God’s image in them because of our own hardheartedness? We must realise that God’s power is always available to transform even the most unlikely people.

2. Let us acknowledge the prophets of God’s goodness in our midst. God is present giving us his message through our nearest and dearest and our neighbours and co-workers. Since God uses them as His prophets to convey His message to us, it is our duty to acknowledge and honour them. Let us express our appreciation today for our families—spouses for each other, parents and children for each other. A word of appreciation for the lady who cooks the dinner, for the neighbor who is always ready to share our happiness and sorrow, for the friends who have given us time, support and attention during a recent bereavement or a tragedy in our life—all are our proper responses to God’s messengers of love and light. Let us not take for granted the presence of God among us as evidenced by the goodness shown by family and friends. Let us also recognise God’s direction, help and support in our lives through His words in the Bible and through the advice and examples of others.

3. We must have the prophetic courage of convictions. By our baptism, God calls us to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. The task of a prophet is to speak God’s truth. We must never be afraid of his call. We may rely on Jesus to supply us with the courage to oppose the many evils in our society. Our television and movie conglomerates, which are supported by the tax money of millions of citizens, systematically poison the minds of the young as well as the old by the excessive importance given to perverted sex and unnecessary violence. Our society tells youngsters that promiscuous sex, drugs and alcohol are means by which they express their individuality. It is here that our country needs Christians with the prophetic courage of their convictions to fight against such moral evils.

4. Speak the truth of Christ without being hypocritical or disrespectful. We must never remain silent in the face of evil for fear of being thought ‘politically incorrect’. Jesus was not against conflict if it promoted truth. He taught us to give respect and freedom without condoning or encouraging sinful behaviour. Love does not tolerate destructive behaviour, but, nevertheless, it sometimes causes pain—just as a surgeon must sometimes hurt in order to heal. We can be kind, charitable, and honest and forgiving as we speak forth our own convictions as Jesus did in the synagogue.

COVID Please ensure we all stay COVID safe—please use the hand sanitiser provided when you enter the Church and fill in the Mass Attendance sheet stating your name and contact number. The wearing of masks is mandatory. Please keep your distance, kindly wipe down the pews and sanitise your hands when you exit the Church.

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, Anthony Morris, Julie & John Kay, Pat Anderson, Lee Maat, Mary Sandeep, Paul Rummery Jnr and Barry Hoban.

Jamberoo Retreat: Please book as per the Information sheet 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.

Planned Giving Envelopes: 2021 red Planned Giving ENVELOPES should have been collected by now **Please be reminded not to use the old green envelopes from this weekend.** 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 if you haven’t already done so.