



Sacred Heart League Moruya is a confraternity of like-minded (men and women of the Parish) coming together for a period of time with a common interest of achieving personal sanctification through their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and thus inspiring the entire Parish.

We welcome you into a membership devoted to growing in your relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and promoting this great devotion. Members of the Sacred Heart League make a commitment of weekly gatherings in an hour of Adoration and prayerfully promote the mission of the Parish.

Holy Fire

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame. — Song of Solomon 8:6

Does fire really exist in purgatory? The Catholic Church teaches that the soul undergoes purification. A suffering of the soul resembles expiating and in some way a purifying action of fire. Spiritual writers speak of the fire of purgatory, but this is a symbolic and metaphorical image of the purification sinful souls are in need of in order to overcome the debilitating effects of sin. In the Middle Ages, the primary image or motif for purification was fire. God's love is referred to as being like fire. It also represents God's efforts to purify and prepare these souls for heaven. A literal fire destroys the evil in things, so "God's fire" destroys the moral evil that remains in the soul at death. It cleanses and purifies souls of all the elements of evil that can impair their capacity for glory. For Jews and early Christians fire was seen as a symbolic image of God's judgement..

Reflection : Let your heart burn for love

'Heal Country, Heal our Nation'

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Welcome to all Regional Schools

Sacred Heart Parish Moruya 14 July 21

Celebrant: Fr George Azhakath



LONELINESS—A Discussion

The Caring Groups of Moruya and Tuross Head are inviting all Residents, Denominations and Agencies in Moruya to attend a discussion on Loneliness to be held:

Sunday 18th July. 2 - 4pm.
St. Mary's School Hall, Queen St. Moruya.

On the day we plan to:

- Hear the issues
- Define areas of need
- Share resources available
- Work collectively on any main area of need.

R.S.V.P. BY 10TH JULY:
PLEASE REGISTER—(COVID)
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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

Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600

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



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 10 & 11 2021

Jesus called the Twelve, and began to send them out

'And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them'.

Today's readings remind us of our Divine Adoption as God's children and of our call to preach the good news of Jesus by bearing witness to God's love, mercy and salvation as revealed through Jesus. **The first reading** warns us that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. Amos condemned the cozy lifestyle of priests who supported the king and the rich and ignored the oppression of the poor. The angry chief priest Amaziah of Bethel in Israel in the North Palestine told Amos to take his prophesying back to his own country Judah in the South Palestine because they did not want to listen to his prophecy in Bethel. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his choice but his God's choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree dresser to a prophet. Just like Amos each one of us is chosen by God through the mystery of divine adoption in Jesus to become missionaries to preach the 'good news' by Christian witnessing. **In the second reading**, St Paul explains the blessings that we have received by our baptism and the responsibility we have to become missionaries. Through Christ, God has chosen us to be holy, made us the adopted brothers and sisters of His Son Jesus, forgiven our sins, given us a right relationship with God, and enabled us to understand His plan of salvation. Then Paul reveals the divine secret that it had been God's eternal plan to extend salvation, through Jesus, first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Hence the Jewish and the Gentile Christians have to love, help and respect one another and thus proclaim Jesus by the witnessing of their lives **In today's gospel** (Mark 6:1-13), the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' preaching in Galilee, followed by the story of the commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the 'good news' of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St Paul to preach the good news of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth his followers to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it.



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 Am 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, or ever singing your praise.

The WORD AND LIFE this week

1) We too have a witnessing mission: Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. As disciples we have to follow Jesus and imitate Jesus. As apostles, we have to evangelise the world. We are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Like the apostles, like St Francis of Assisi, like Blessed Mother Teresa, we are all chosen and sent to proclaim the Gospel through our living. It is through out transparent Christian lives that we must show the love, mercy and concern of Jesus to the people around us. Since we are baptised, Jesus is calling us in our working and living environment to evangelise, to invite people to know Jesus, to love him, to serve him and to follow him.

2) We have a liberating mission: Although many people don’t believe in real demonic possession in our age there are many demons which can control the lives of people around us making them helpless slaves. For example, there is the demon of nicotine, the demon of alcohol, the demon of gambling, the demon of pornography and promiscuous sex, the demon of materialism and consumerism, or any other activity which somehow can take control of people’s lives and become an addiction over which they have lost control. All of these, or any one of them, can turn people into slaves. We need the help of Jesus to liberate us and others from these things. Jesus is inviting us today to co-operate with him. He wants us to be his instruments of liberation, to help others recover their freedom. We are meant to help people to cure their sicknesses—not only the bodily sicknesses but psychological and emotional illnesses. As a family member, a friend, a colleague, an evangeliser, we can truly have a healing influence.

3) We have a mission to live as children of God. Realisation of our dignity as children of God should change our outlook on life. We are to be children filled with love, rather than selfishness and disobedience. We are to respect our brothers and sisters in Christ. As God’s children, we should live a life of absolute trust in the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who knows what is best for us. The realisation that we the children of God should bring great comfort, peace and joy—even in our worst moments.

4) We have a mission to grow in Divine Adoption: It is in the Church—principally through the seven sacraments—that our Divine Adoption is made possible. We are chosen by God in Christ, baptised into his death and his Church, healed by his forgiveness, and nourished at the Eucharistic table. Today, when we gather as His adopted sons and daughters at this table of Christ’s sacrificial banquet, we can rightly address God as our Divine Father and ask Him for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit that we may grow daily in the true spirit and practice of our divine adoption.

NAIDOC WEEK The Catholic Education Community is celebrating NAIDOC Week Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya on Wednesday, 14 July at 10am by Fr George Azhakath. The theme ‘Heal Country, Heal our Nation!’. Music by St Mary’s Moruya and St Bernard’s Batemans Bay. A smoking ceremony: by Trish Ellis. A warm welcome to the participating schools: Lumen Christi, Pambula; St Patrick’s Bega; St Mary’s Moruya; Carroll College, Broulee and St Bernard’s Batemans Bay.

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

Jamberoo Retreat 14th, 15th & 16th September 2021: Last chance to book. Please call Susie McCosker on 0426 820 860. Payment is due by 16 July with cash in envelopes marked Sue McCosker.