

FR GEORGE: Unfortunately, Fr George's return to the Parish has been delayed. This weekend we warmly welcome Fr Renoir Oliver Jr, SSS who will be celebrating masses until Fr George's return. Welcome Father!

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC MISSION: Catholic Mission produces a quarterly magazine – Mission Today – which explores the work of Catholic Mission and highlights the inspiring stories of lay and religious missionaries around the world. Copies of the magazine are available in the Church foyer. World Mission Month is October and this year Mission Sunday is 22 October. Catholic Mission will be conducting the annual Mission Appeal in the weeks leading up to Mission Sunday

FAREWELL FR ANTHONY: Sadly Fr Anthony's time with us has come to an end as he commences at St Joseph's, O'Connor this weekend. Thank you Father, you will be remembered very fondly!



STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES: The feast day of Sts Peter and Paul was commemorated on 29 June. Peter was the leader of the apostles and the first Pope. Paul was born Saul, but converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus. They had been imprisoned in the infamous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. It is said that they were martyred at the command of Emperor Nero. Even though they were killed on the same day, their method of execution would have differed. Saint Peter was crucified, whereas Saint Paul would have been beheaded with a sword as he was a Roman citizen and afforded a quicker execution. It is said of Peter that he was crucified head downward as he didn't feel worthy of being crucified in the same way as Jesus.



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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am
 Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass
 4:15pm-4:45pm before Mass
Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass
Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600
Caring Groups: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

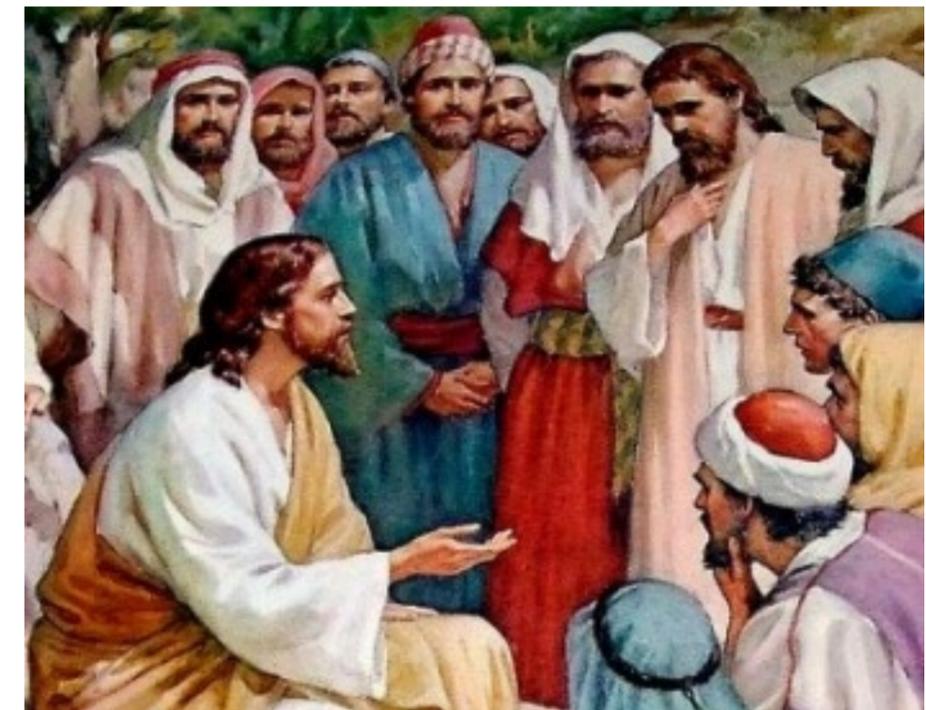
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Jesus' teachings on discipleship

“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me”

During the time of the Old Testament Patriarchs, when both the nature of the terrain and the constant threat of misadventure made hospitality a necessity, it was regarded as a sacred duty to welcome guests to provide for them with honour—a tradition that endures to this day, at least in some parts of the Holy Land. A good example is to be found in our **first reading** from the Second Book of the Kings. Rather extravagantly, “a woman of rank” welcomes the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi and offers them food and purpose-built accommodation Jesus himself both gave and received hospitality (at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus to give but one example) during the busy years of his itinerant public ministry. In **today's excerpt** from his discourse on mission he affirms the importance of such conduct and points to its deeper significance. “Anyone who welcomes you” he says to his disciples “welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me”. Pope Francis reminds us that “authentic hospitality is a profound Gospel value” and Peter addressing the Christians says: “Make hospitality your special care”. (Rom 12-21).



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Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) What does Jesus mean to me? Founder of a Religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal saviour? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: "How do I really see Jesus? Do I see Jesus as a Good Shepherd Saviour and redeemer? Is he my beloved friend, closer to me than my spouse or child, father or mother? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded him, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do I say that Jesus is in my life? Who do I say that he is when I am in the presence of those who do not know him, who are not interested in him? What does the way I live and behave say about who Jesus is? Is the joy, the love, the peace that I find in Jesus reflected in the way I live my life?"

2) We need to experience Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and surrender our lives to him. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal saviour should become a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible by listening to him through the daily meditative reading of the Bible, by talking to him through daily, personal and family prayers, by offering to him our lives on the altar whenever we attend Holy Mass and by leading a sacramental life. The next step is to surrender our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realising that God's loving hands are behind every event of our lives.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare & Bert Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, Ross Hay, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Neil Mason, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman and Clair Holmes.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: **From this weekend new envelopes (RED envelopes)** are to be used. If you have any envelopes left from last year (purple), please throw them away as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next **Tuesday, 4 July** following 5:00pm Mass, Parishioners are invited to Jan Morris' home (12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen** (a series about Jesus' life).

NAIDOC WEEK—JULY 17-21: Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a NAIDOC Week Mass on **Friday, 21 July**. This will be a significant event, with staff and Aboriginal students and their families attending from Carroll College, St Bernard's, St Mary's and more. Special awards will be handed out at the conclusion of Mass and everyone is welcome to attend.