

Remember

O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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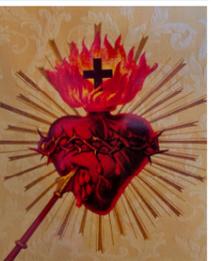
Priest: Fr Eden Langlands

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Parish Office hours: Tue and Fri 9am—2pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00 pm Sun: 10.00am



Reconciliation: Sat @ Sun Moruya: 4:15pm-4:45pm / 9:15am-9:45am before Mass

Tuross: Sun: 8am

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 and Saturdays 9:30am Adoration 40 mins before weekday Mass

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 1 & 2 2022

Christian faith is a trusting faith in God

Faith is the judgement that something is true and therefore worthy of trust

All three readings on the 27th Sunday speak about “faith” and how it works in our lives. They give us three dimensions of faith. The theological virtue of faith is considering something to be true and therefore worthy of trust. It is “the assurance of the things hoped for”. But Christian faith is trusting faith IN God, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, and a resulting trust in others.

The **first reading** defines faith as trusting in God and living with fidelity to the covenant. Here faith is presented as hope and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering and delay. God assures the prophet that faith is power, and that, because of their faith, the just will live righteous lives in the midst of encircling evil. Faith, then, is the foundation of faithfulness; and faithfulness strengthens faith. In today's **responsorial psalm** God is characterised as a sturdy rock and a caring shepherd, surely worthy of our trusting faith. It reminds us of St Augustine's advice to “pray as though everything depended on God, and work as though everything depended on you”. The **second reading** explains why faith gives us all a new way of looking at things and a new way of living. Paul presents faith as acceptance of Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises of God. He stresses the need for a living faith in the loyalty to Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Hence, faith is belief in and acceptance of revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God, and hope is trust in God. Faith not only enables us to be faithful; it also strengthens us to be courageous. Faith grows as we put it to use by rendering humble service to others. In today's **Gospel**, Jesus teaches his apostles that faith is sharing in God's power and hence, even in small portions, it enables us to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is faith which makes one just, giving him a right relation to God and neighbour. In the Bible, faith means reliance on or confidence in God, and hope is the expectation of a better future. While the apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their faith, Jesus reminds them that the quality of faith is more important. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them that, for faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience and total commitment—an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever He commands, even in tough times.



Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; but are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:

The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary in the Scripture. Praying Rosary with Mary will lead us to grow closer to God. It is a powerful prayer and mirrors the rhythms of daily family life. “Hail Mary” Ava Maria.

PUBLIC ROSARY: On Saturday, 15 October, you are invited to join fellow parishioners to say Rosary at 11am at the Rotunda, Russmartin Park, Moruya. For more information, please contact Michael Irwin 0478 227 979.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL: Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) who will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese:

Evangelising: spreading the good news of Jesus to all

Service: being instruments of mercy and responding to the needs of the poor

Promoting: human flourishing in a fulfilled creation

The Working Party, formed by Archbishop Christopher, is seeking your views, as parish and other communities and as individual members of the Church. Four questions have been framed to gather views that might be a single sentence or a more extensive response:

Why should the Archbishop constitute a Diocesan Pastoral Council?

In your view, what role might a Diocesan Pastoral Council play in the life of the Archdiocese?

To fulfil its synodal mission, a Pastoral Council should be both representative and skilled—what advice can you offer to the Archbishop about how best to achieve these goals?

Are there elements/issues that you believe the Summary or the full Report have missed that are important for the Archbishop to consider?

You may provide your views through your Parish Pastoral Council, through priests in your parish, or directly on this form (available in the church foyer) or via email: (workingparty@cg.org.au). **Please respond by 28 October.**

In three week's time, **Catholic Mission** will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emidibir. This work simply will not be possible without your support—we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

Liturgy

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

‘Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not de-
ceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithful-
ness.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Tim-
othy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that
God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s
gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of
power, and love, and self-control. So you are never
to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me,
bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News,
relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after
something precious; guard it with the help of the
Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’
The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a
mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would
obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or mind-
ing sheep, would say to him when he returned from
the fields, “Come and have your meal immediat-
ely”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my
supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me
while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink your-
self afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant
for doing what he was told? So with you: when
you have done all you have been told to do, say,
“We are merely servants: we have done no more
than our duty.”’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

We need to thank God, giving Him the credit for our well-being. Following the example of the Apos-
tles, we must pray for greater faith and trust in God. Most of us are inclined to forget God’s providence
when our early affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we enjoy good health, or when
our home-life and business are going smoothly. How many of us thank God for all the gifts we have re-
ceived? We often attribute our good health to correct use of food and exercise and we often attribute our
success to our hard work and intelligence. It is only when a storm arises in our life that we think of God.
We pray to Him only when trouble strikes. In His infinite goodness, God often answers such prayers. If,
however, we had thought of Him every day and realised His place in our lives, with how much more confi-
dence would we approach Him in our hour of need? If our own personal lives were stronger in faith, how
much more readily would we accept the adversities and the trials that God sends us? This is why we must
ask God today to “increase our faith” at all times.

We need to increase our faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. A zealous Christian can speak to
his or her neighbour about his neighbour’s need for God and leading an upright life, more convincingly by
his or her daily actions than by explaining religious doctrines. A sincere Christian can find many ways to
help make Christ known to his neighbour. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a
neighbour’s troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian.
There are always people around us who need help. We can help them—God expects it of us. Faith is in-
creased by serving others, not by being served. Faith is increased when we manifest our love towards oth-
ers, our family, friends and strangers. When we isolate ourselves from the world, we lose our faith.

We will grow in faith by using the means Christ has given us in his Church. We must cultivate our
faith through prayer, Bible study, and a well-disciple spiritual life. Faith is the gift of God—so we must
pray that God will increase our faith. Time spent with God in prayer is fundamental to the development of
faith. We must pray for a faith that is strong enough to overcome the difficulties and crises we face daily.
In addition, association with people of faith builds faith. Hence, our participation in the Holy Mass (“the
mystery of faith”) and life of the Church is important. Because of the Eucharistic meal on the altar and the
sacramental graces at our disposal, we find that we are not unprofitable servants, but instruments and
agents of Jesus who, through the power of divine love, helps us reap a harvest worthy of him. Sacred
scriptures inform and correct our faith. Without the guidance of the scriptures and the Church, our faith
tends to be weak. We grow in faith as we act in faith. Every gift of God is strengthened by the exercise of
it.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village,
IRT Moruya, and the sick members of our Parish: Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry, Ebbelaar, Kylie
Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John
Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles
Setter OFM, Jenny McCaskill, Annette Moore, Annette and John Nader and Henry Anderson.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to **Netta Behringer** and **Marg Croese** who celebrate their special days on
30 September and 2 October respectively.

FR EDEN: Fr Eden will be on leave from 3 October returning Tuesday, 1 November. Frs Rex Curry and
Alex Osbourne will be conducting weekend Masses in his absence. For emergencies, please contact
Fr Tom Thornton 0408 623 303.

OCTOBER MASS CHANGES: There will be **no daily masses** during **October** and **Saturday Vigil Mass**
returns to **6pm** next week: **8 October.**

PARISH OFFICE: Next week the office will be open **Tuesday** and **Friday** 9am-2pm.

ST VINNIES: A FREE BBQ: People from the Moruya community and parishioners are warmly invited
every second Saturday of the month at **Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya 12pm-2pm.** See you there!

ST VINNIES: A leaving collection will be held on the weekend of the 1st & 2nd October. The collection
will be in commemoration of Frederick Ozanam and the money collected will be used to support the
St Vincent de Paul twin conference in India.