

**BEQUESTS: Have you ever thought of making a Bequest for your local Parish Church?**

We would be honoured if you were to include a bequest in your Will. Your support will provide caring, future improvements and maintenance of your Parish Church. Your generosity to your Parish will extend beyond your lifetime—which is of course a wonderful legacy.

You can choose to help your local Church by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift of part of your estate made in your Will. Your estate is the total of all your assets and possessions when you pass away. By making a bequest, you will provide support for many ministries provided by the Church. **Your generosity will make a difference to the lives of many.**

If you would like to make a bequest, there are many ways to do so. Some examples are:

- \* Making a gift of a specific monetary amount of your choosing;
- \* Making a gift of particular belongings such as books and jewellery;
- \* Making a gift of a particular property you own;
- \* Making a gift of a specified part of your estate (such as a percentage of your estate);
- \* Making a gift of that part of your estate that remains after you have provided for your loved ones; and
- \* Making a gift of your whole estate.

For your final wishes, including any bequests to be honoured, you must have a valid Will. For this reason, it is very important that you arrange to have a valid Will drawn up by a Solicitor. You might also want to ask your Solicitor about any investments you have that may not automatically become part of your estate, and therefore, may not be subject to your wishes in your Will. If you have any such investments, you may wish to arrange to take action about those now. For those investments, you may wish to nominate the Church as your intended nominated beneficiary. That way, even if your Will does not apply to those investments, your election of intended beneficiary will be on record. Appropriate wording for bequests is also important. If for any reasons you wish to amend your current Will, it is possible by attaining appropriate legal advice. By having an up-to-date and valid Will, you can make sure that your estate is dealt with in accordance with your wishes. So, please feel free to contact your Parish office by phoning 4474 2024, by email: moruya@cg.org.au to assist you plan a **BEQUEST**.

**BANKSIA VILLAGE:** Masses at Banksia Village have resumed from February after the Covid restrictions were eased. Masses are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 11am.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES NEEDED:** Ministry areas include: Readers, Special Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Flower Arrangers, Altar Servers, setting up for Mass, Gardeners, Caring Group volunteers, Children’s Liturgy, Collectors, Counters, and Hospitality to arrange morning teas after Sunday Mass. In the first instance, please call Susie McCosker on 0426 820 860 or email jas-per.mccosker@gmail.com. Alternatively, please email the Parish office: moruya@cg.org.au or call 4474 2024 Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am-2pm.

**1ST COLLECTION:** taken up after the Homily; this collection is for the support of the Priest and the provisions for the Presbytery. The money is banked separately into the Central Presbytery Fund.

**2ND COLLECTION:** taken up at the Offertory; which includes Planned Giving Envelopes, direct debit and loose money. This money is deposited to the Church Account for the maintenance of the Church, daily expenses and future improvements of the Parish and property. Each week, all income and expenditure is reported to The Chancery Office, Canberra.

**TAP & GO:** The Tap & Go machine in the Church foyer is available for the convenience of visitors and Parishioners. The machine is set to \$5. Thank you for your offering.

**DIRECT DEBIT:** We continue to encourage Parishioners to opt for Direct Debit payment for the 1st and 2nd Collection. Forms are available from the Parish Office.

**DONATIONS TO SACRED HEART PARISH:** Acc Name: Sacred Heart Moruya, BSB: 062-786, Acc Number: 000014984, Ref: name and intention of the donor.

**ST VALENTINE’S DAY:** On 14 February we celebrate St Valentine’s Day—a feast that rejoices in romantic love and lifelong marriage. St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. His association with young lovers is well known even in modern times. **He is the Patron Saint of Engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers. Happy Valentine’s Day!**



# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Secretary: Mrs Vickie Moore

Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 9am—2pm

**Mass Times:**

**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 5.30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

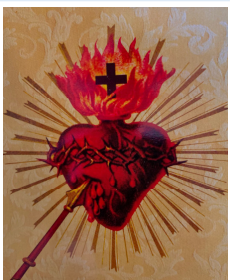
**Tuross Mass:** Sun: 8am **Bodalla Mass:** 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm

Schools: St Mary’s Moruya: 4474 2817

Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

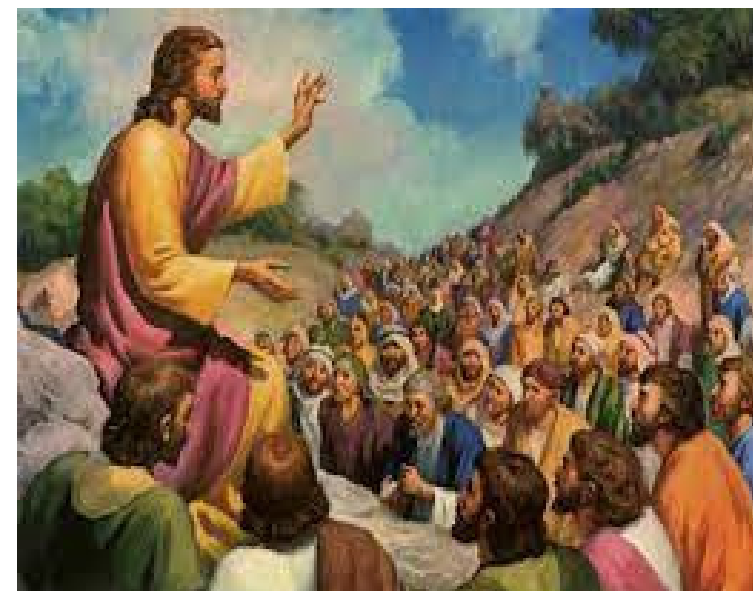
Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

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



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR C - February 12 & 13 2022

## The Sermon on the Plain (according to Luke) “The Compendium of Christian Doctrine” The Beatitudes: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven



Today’s readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness of who we are and of what we are supposed to do. They remind us that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy in this world and in heaven only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need and work for uplifting them, thus declaring our “*option for the poor*”, as Jesus did. The eight beatitudes Jesus gives in Mathew and the four in Luke contradict the ideas of real happiness found in the Jewish culture and in our modern society, according to which wealth, health, power and influence are the true beautitudes. “The beatitudes” are technically known as “*macarisms*”, or blessings (from the Greek *makarios*, meaning “blessed” or “happy”.) Macarisms are found in the Book of Proverbs, in the Psalms, and even in the book of Revelation.

There are thirty-seven beatitudes in the New Testament, seventeen of which are sayings of Jesus. Beatitudes appear in the Old Testament as well. The **first reading** tells us that true beatitude consists in placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. The **Responsorial Psalm** finds beatitude in keeping God’s Law. St Paul warns us, in the **second reading**, that true beatitude is obtainable only in heaven, and that Christ’s resurrection is the reason for the assurance of our reaching heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In **today’s Gospel** Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution because they contradict our natural expectations in every way. Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced because in poverty we recognise God’s reign; in hunger, his providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. Experiencing these miseries opens the way for us to receive the true riches, food, comfort and acceptance we can find only in His love and His presence here, and in His Kingdom forever. The beatitudes are commands for how we should live, and what we should do. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for faith, but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing.

**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 Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilder-  
ness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in  
the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Co-  
rinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been  
preached, how can some of you be saying that  
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead  
are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if  
Christ has not been raised, you are still in your  
sins. And what is more serious, all who have died  
in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has

been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate  
of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

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**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a  
piece of level ground where there was a large gather-  
ing of his disciples with a great crowd of people  
from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and  
from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had  
come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the  
kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be  
satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you  
out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal,  
on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that  
day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward  
will be great in heaven. This was the way their an-  
cestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having  
your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall  
go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn  
and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!  
This was the way their ancestors treated the false  
prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) We need to respond to the challenge of the beatitudes in our daily life.** Millions are starving, per-  
secuted, homeless and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the beatitudes can become a  
reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. That is why we are told that we will be judged on  
the basis of our acts of mercy and charity (Mt 25:31-46). Blessed Mother Teresa and her Sisters have ac-  
cepted this challenge and demonstrate that we can “live the beatitudes” in the modern world. Hence, let us  
remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick and the oppressed, we share with them a  
foretaste of the promises of the beatitudes here and now. Just as the apostles were called to minister to so-  
ciety’s untouchables, all Christians are called to minister to the untouchables, and the discriminated  
against, and the marginalised in our own modern society.

**2) Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up.** Suppose we put the entire human  
family into a microcosm of one hundred people. Eighty of them live in substandard housing, fifty are mal-  
nourished, and seventy are unable to read, while only one of them has a college education or owns a com-  
puter. Six of those one hundred people possess 59% of the world’s wealth and five of them are from the  
United States. This may help us to get a picture of the poverty in our world. God, however, does not need  
such a microcosm. He sees the whole human family. He knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80%  
live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and  
uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who  
care for one another. This is why, down through the centuries, individuals, congregations and church bod-  
ies have practiced charity in creative, faithful ways. They have operated soup kitchens, food banks, cloth-  
ing centres, homeless shelters and housing programs. Individuals have taken care of their neighbours,  
helping them out with food, clothing and shelter when there was need.

**3) We must take care to choose our way wisely.** “There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death,  
and there is a great difference between the two Ways”. These are the opening lines of the “**Didache**” a  
first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian faith. The way  
of life is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of loving service to God and our brothers and  
sisters that leads to eternal life. The other way is the way of death. It is the way of self-centeredness, self-  
reliance, immorality, self-indulgence and immediate gratification. It leads to death and hell. Which way  
are we going? The challenge of the beatitudes is: “Are you going to be happy in the world’s way or in  
Christ’s way?” If we choose the world’s way, we are seeking our blessings in the wrong place.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** We continue to pray and extend our support to  
those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Sylvia and Cletus Heffernan, John Ger-  
ber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese,  
Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Jan and Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Sandra  
Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Kaye Shephard and Hans Brosch.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Helaina Tomicic and Tim Stokes on their Wedding on Sat-  
urday, 12 February at Sacred Heart Church. We wish Helaina and Tim a lifetime of love and happiness  
and may God Bless them on their special day and throughout their lives.

**CONDOLENCES:** We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Brian Heffernan. Brian died this  
week after a long illness. Our prayers are with Brian’s wife Claire and daughters Jane and Julie, sister  
Joan Beasel and brothers Adrian and Bede. May he rest in peace.

Fr Laurie Blake: We pray for the repose of the soul of Father Laurie. May he also rest in peace.

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** All are welcome to our services at Sacred Heart. If you are unwell please  
do not enter. Please remember to follow current covid rules which include the wearing of face masks, so-  
cial distancing, hand sanitising, checking in using the QR code or manually registering in the Church foyer.

**ST MARY’S: 1st Reconciliation Enrolment** will take place next **Thursday, 17 February at 5pm**. The  
**1st Reconciliation Commitment Masses** on the weekend of **5 & 6 March** and the **Celebration of 1st**  
**Reconciliation** will be on **Wednesday, 30 March at 5:30pm** at Sacred Heart Church.