

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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

Mass Times:

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

No weekday masses this week

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Tuross Mass: 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



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR C -

12 & 13 November 2022

The Apocalyptic Discourse of Jesus

“Your endurance will win you your life”

As the Church year comes to an end, the Sunday **readings** reflect on the final days of the world, our own death and the final judgement. Today's **theme** is “The Day of the Lord” or the “second coming” of Jesus in glory as judge at the end of the world. Malachi in the **first reading** foretells this Day, giving the warning that the future, known to God alone, will bring healing and reward for the just who forearm themselves with words and works (peace, justice, mercy and truth), and retribution for the “proud and all evil doers”.



Today's **psalm** refers to Jesus in his second coming: “The Lord ... comes to rule the earth; he will rule the world with justice and the people with equity”. Although Paul expected to be alive at the return of Jesus, he cautions the Thessalonians in the **second reading** against the idleness with which some of them were anticipating the end and encourages them not to be weary of doing good. He suggests that the best preparation for the future is to devote the attention to present duties, to maintain a holy and wholesome balance between prayer and service, work and play and to develop enduring family ties and values. Today's **gospel** passage warns that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the faithful will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The good news, however, is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Thus, the message of the day is: don't give up; God is always with us. Luke's community had experienced much persecution. Jesus's words about people being “handed over to parents, brothers, relations and friends” were beginning to come true. Hence, Luke encourages them in today's **gospel** to rely on Jesus' promise of the protective power of a proving God and to persevere in faith and its practice, “By your perseverance you will secure your lives”. Luke also reminds them of the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world, given by Jesus.

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 Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

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

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

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

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Be daily prepared for death and judgement. The ideal way to accept Jesus' apocalyptic message is always to be ready to face our death. We must live holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion and unconditional forgiveness, remembering the demands of justice in our day-to-day lives. We must also take time to rest and to pray in order to keep our hearts alive to God's presence with us and within us. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime asking God's pardon and forgiveness also prepares us to face God any time and give an account of our lives.

2) Attain permanence in a passing word by exemplary lives. Our homes, our churches and even our own lives are temporary. All our structures are provisional. Our influence has no more claims to permanence than our buildings. Hence, our task is not to build monuments of any kind, but to be faithful to Christ. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. We are to persevere in our faith despite worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently any trials that are essential to or affirmation of Jesus our Saviour.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

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, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard and Peter Collins, Taine Woodford and Jaijing Greenwood.

BIRTHDAYS: Jessie Pollock, who resides in IRT Moruya, celebrated her 105th Birthday on 8 November. Clare Broekhuysse celebrates her Birthday on 16 November and Fr Paul Bateman turns 94 on 17 November. Happy Birthday all!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Norma and Graham Beer who celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary on 7 November. We hope you both had a special day.

Archbishop Prowse has appointed Fr Anthony Riosa SSS as Parish Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish from 7th January 2023. We look forward to welcoming Fr Riosa in the New Year.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION: All are invited to the parish faith formation group which will meet for an hour on Sunday 20th November at 3pm at the presbytery. We will be discussing virtues and vices, grace and how to be Christians in the world today.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: We will be meeting for prayer and discussion in the Church after 5:30pm Mass each Tuesday during Advent starting 29th November. This is an opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for the Feast of Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE: The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st December at 6:00pm in the Church. We are all encouraged to avail ourselves of this wonderful sacrament as we prepare to welcome Christ anew into our hearts this Christmas.

CLERGY RETREAT: Fr Eden will be attending the Clergy Retreat from 14-18 November therefore there **will be no weekday masses this week.** Please keep the Clergy in your prayers.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The office will be closed on Friday, 18 November.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available in the Church foyer for Masses for the Holy Souls. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

ART FOR LEISURE: Art for Leisure paintings are on exhibit this Sunday, **13 November.** The mini Art Exhibition is next Sunday, **20 November** and 20% off the purchase price goes to the Parish. These paintings would make a perfect Christmas gift.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Parish Christmas Party on **Friday, 16 December from 6pm** at the BBQ area. Sausage sandwiches will be provided; please bring a salad and sweet to share. BYO drinks. To RSVP and for catering purposes, please place your name on the acceptance sheet which you will find in the Church foyer by 12 December.

MORUYA & TUROSS HEAD CARING GROUPS: Both groups meet for a cuppa and a chat and you are welcome to pop in any time. There is no obligation in any way. Tuross Head meet at the Club on Thursdays 10am. Moruya Caring Group meet Fridays 11am in what was originally the Vulcan Café now called Tukka Café. Pop in for a chat and a laugh whenever you like. Transport can be arranged and both venues have easy access for wheelchairs and walkers. Please come to our **Christmas Party**, at the Tuross Head Club on 15 December, 12 noon. As usual, we all purchase our own meals and drinks. Please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending so tables can be arranged. 0431 354 or 0497 315 534.



NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CATHOLIC WOMEN RESPOND TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL: “What do catholic women want from the Church? The Archdiocesan Women’s Taskforce gather this Saturday, 12 November at Merici College to discuss the implementation of the Plenary Council’s decisions, especially decree Number 4: on Witnessing the Equal Dignity of Women and Men. The Taskforce serves the women of the Archdiocese through advocacy, formation and building community. It also advises the Archbishop on women’s opinions, needs and goals. All women are welcome, whether involved in the church or feeling more on the fringe. Rural women are especially encouraged to come with petrol subsidies and organised billets being offered. For further information and to register, please use [Catholic Women Taskforce \(cgwomen.com.au\)](http://Catholic Women Taskforce (cgwomen.com.au)) or call 0487388873. A flyer is available in the Church foyer with more information.

OTHER NOTICES

VINNIES: Vinnies are looking for volunteers these summer holidays. Vinnies volunteers are diverse and unique, and you would be a part of a great team. If you have even a few hours to spare each week you could make a difference to many lives. volunteer.cg@vinnies.org.au. A flyer is in the Church foyer with more information.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: Catholic Mission thanks all of the parishioners who kindly contributed to its recent Mission Sunday Appeal. The funds raised will make a difference to the lives of children and adults in need in Ethiopia.

MORNING TEA: All are very welcome to come along for Morning Tea after 10am Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for your ongoing support.