

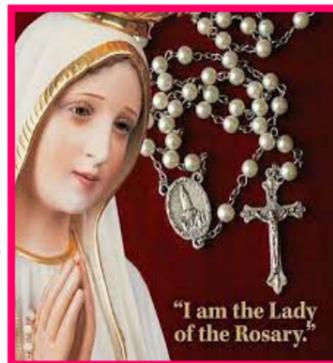


Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers in our Parish

May, the Month of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary: Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return ... in celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

Month of May: Month of the Rosary; Hail Mary Full of Grace, Pray for us.



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am
 Tue: 5:30pm, 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
 5:15pm-5:45pm 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

6th Sunday of Easter - YEAR A - May 13 & 14 2023

Jesus promises another advocate

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
 I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate”**

From Easter to Pentecost our **readings** focus on the promises of Jesus to his disciples and on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation. Today's **readings** provide answers to puzzling questions about who the Holy Spirit is, what He does, and how we experience Him in our daily lives. Today's **first** and **second readings** were chosen to help us prepare for the soon-to-be celebrated feast of Pentecost. They show us how the Spirit works in the everyday activities of Jesus' first followers. The **first reading** describes the success of Philip, evangelist among the despised Samaritans, and explains how the converted Samaritans received the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John. According to today's **psalm**, the Spirit causes believers in every age and place to experience personally the same marvellous acts of divine liberation. The **second reading** explains how the Holy Spirit makes possible God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's **Gospel** which is a part of Jesus' "Last supper Discourse" describes the gift of the abiding Spirit as a Paraclete. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the day when He would no longer be with them physically. So Jesus promised to send his Spirit upon the Church. The **gospel** reminds us that the Spirit causes Jesus to be truly present in the Church. The risen Jesus' continued presence in the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his name. The Spirit reveals to us what God is really like by empowering us to practice mutual love and by providing us with trustworthy guidance. This indwelling Spirit enables us to manifest our love of God by observing the commandments of Jesus. Especially the commandment of love. This commandment includes commands to recognise Jesus in the neediest, in the poor, in the sick, in the marginalised and even in the criminal and to be agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.



Wishing all Mothers a Blessed and Happy Mothers' Day

May Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ

and our Mother, be a comfort to us all.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counsellor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions. God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counselling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

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, 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, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

MASS TIME CHANGES: Please be advised there will be no Masses at Sacred Heart, Bodalla and Banksia Village next week from Monday 15, May—Friday, 19 May as Fr Anthony will be attending the annual Clergy Assembly at Galong.

PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGE: From 17 June, Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere Condolences to Robin and the Carroll family on the recent passing of Bernard.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment emails were sent out this week. Commitment Masses will be on next weekend **20-21 May** with the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 25 June at 10am Mass.** The contact at St Mary's is Genevieve Schofield. For enrolment and further details, please email Gen: genevieve.schofield@cg.catholic.edu.au

25TH RELIGIOUS PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY: On the occasion of my 25th Religious Profession Anniversary, I would like to thank your generous hearts for the kind donations of \$150 for the education of the Seminarians.

God Bless, Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS

