

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Anglican Church, with help from other churches and community members, has resumed serving breakfast at Moruya Public School. They are in need of more volunteers, particularly in March on Wednesdays from 8am-9:30am. If you can help or would like more information, please phone Shirley Piper on 0435 449 042.

**MORUYA & TUROSS HEAD CARING GROUPS:** Both groups meet for a cuppa and a chat and everyone is most 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 call 0431 354 993 or 0497 315 53 if you would like to know more.



## ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion Sunday is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and our community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme this year is *For All Future Generations*. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact *For All Future Generations*. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference *For All Future Generations*. Please support this wonderful cause which runs up to and including Easter Sunday. Mission boxes, donation envelopes and leaflets are now available in the Church foyer.





**Project Compassion Sunday**  
**18 & 19 February**




Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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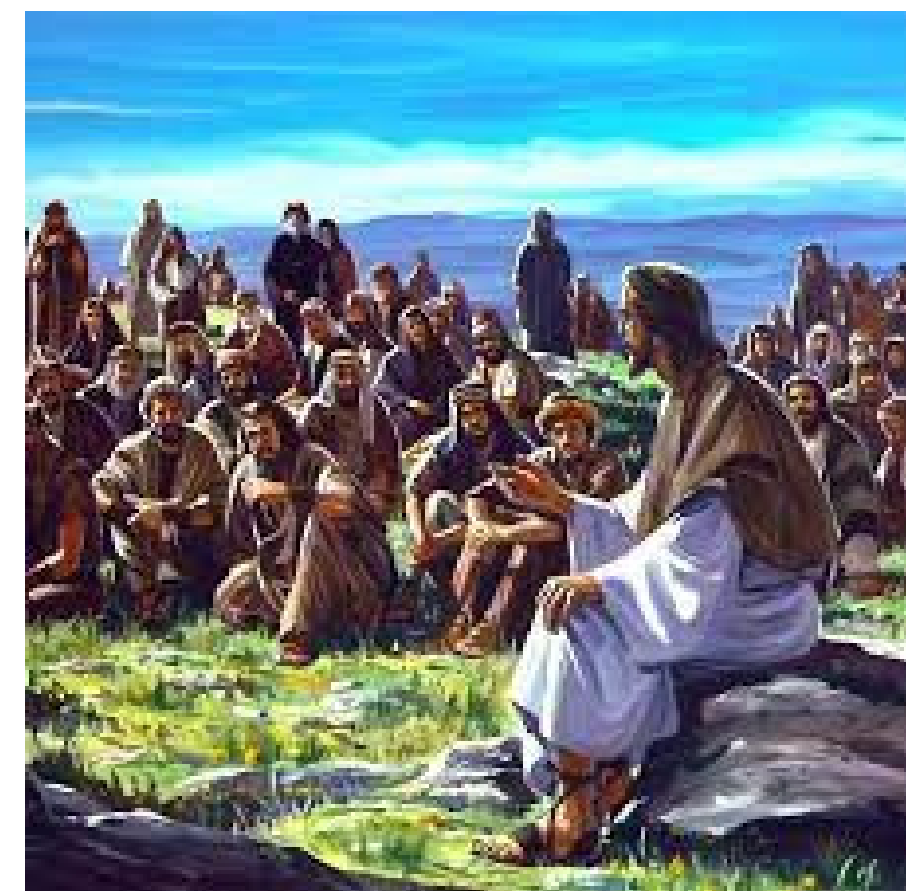
**Mass Times:**  
**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am  
 Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am  
**Tuross:** 8am Sunday **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm  
**Reconciliation:** Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass  
 5:15pm-5:45pm 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 Group:** Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - February 18 & 19 2023

## “Love your enemies”

**Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation**

In the **gospel** passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus condemns even the mild form of the “*Law of the Talion,*” the tribal law of retaliation. Instead of the restricted retaliation allowed by Moses, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, although graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace. The second part of today's **gospel** passage is the central part of the Sermon on the Mount, giving us the Christian ethic of personal relationship: love one's neighbours and forgive one's enemies. It tells us that what makes Christian different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they do not deserve it. We have to love our enemies with agape love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them.



**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Communion Antiphon:** Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

**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 SEASON OF LENT BEGINS 22 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

### Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by

the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mt 5:38-48

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 said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) We need to have a forgiving heart:** Jesus demands that we should forgive, pardon and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, and even if we are not loved in turn. He also tells us to pray for those who wilfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

**2) We are to try to be perfect, to be like God:** We become perfect when we fulfill God's purpose creating us, ie, when we become God-like, by co-operating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

## 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 Moore, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Lyn Timms, Rick Christensen, Pat Anderson and Emma Spinks.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** On Tuesday, 21 February Pancakes will be served after 5:30pm Mass.

All welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY: WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY:**

**Mass times 9:15am and 5:30pm.**

**ART FOR LEISURE:** Our artists meet every Tuesday, in

the Kennedy Room at 11am. Everyone is welcome to join

in and have a coffee and a chat. For more information,

please call Bert Broekhuysse 44033752 or email:

broekhuysseb@gmail.com.

**PARISHIONER CONTACT LIST:** Are you new to the Parish? Your fellow Parishioners would like to get to know you. Each year, we like to update our records and ask you to please advise the office of your contact details. Forms are available in the Church foyer. These forms can also be used if you are a current parishioner and your details have changed.



**MORNING TEA:** All are very welcome to come along for Morning Tea after 10am Sunday Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for your ongoing support in catering for this event.

