

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on Wednesday, 22 May and open on Friday, 24 May.

CONFIRMATION 2024: The Confirmation Commitment Mass is on Saturday, 25 May at 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church. This year Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be attending the Confirmations on Sunday, 23 June at the special time of 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

FERTILITY AWARENESS WINTER CAMPAIGN:

The Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn is very blessed to now have a Creighton trained GP, a Marquette trained nurse and Billings and Sympto-thermal instructors operating in our Archdiocese. We meet regularly to support each other and to collaborate on promoting better general knowledge of Fertility Awareness Methods within our parishes and broader community. If you would like to better understand anything regarding current offerings in our Archdiocese, please feel free to ring, text or email Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au (02) 6239 9835/0429 192 869.

Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.



Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love

Amen



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9:00am—2:00pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am

Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am

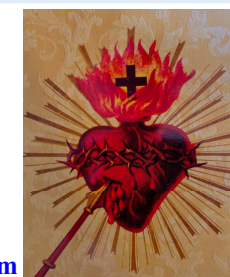
Reconciliation: Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass

1st Saturday of the month @ Moruya 8:15am-9:00am

Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** All Fridays after Mass

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

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



Pentecost

- YEAR B -

18 & 19 May 2024

Pentecost

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses”

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For the Christians it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit into the world of men and women; it also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is thus the official birthday of the Church.

You could say, “Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established nearly 2,000 years ago.” Today’s Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today’s readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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.

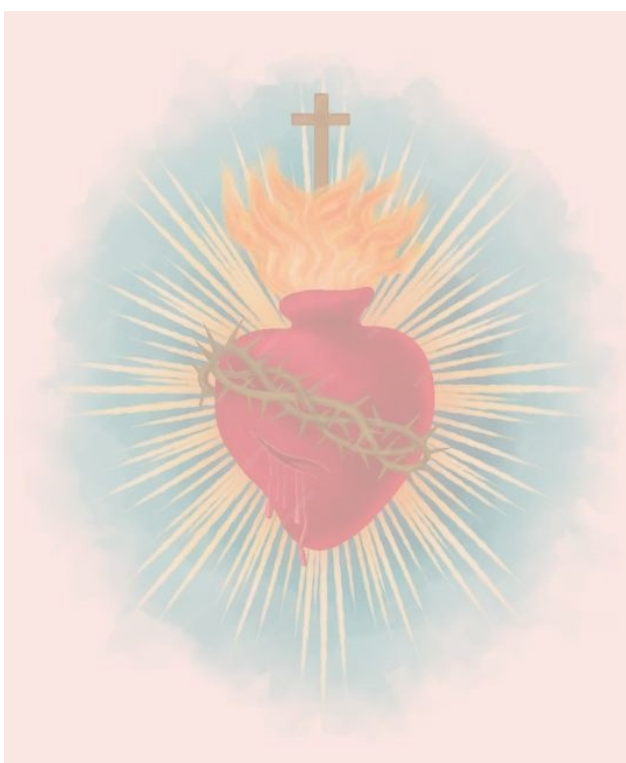
O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment Thine



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Whole School Mass & Grandparents' Morning Tea

Please join us for Mass at Sacred Heart Church Moruya at 9:15 am on Friday 7 June. We will hold a special morning tea at school afterwards to honour our grandparents.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is

precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

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

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives: i) by constantly remembering and appreciating his Holy Presence within us, especially through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. ii) By fortifying ourselves with the help of the Spirit against all types of temptations. iii) By seeking the assistance of the Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits. iv) By listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others. v) By fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit. vi) By renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Holy Spirit is a life of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. It is a call to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As St Paul exhorts us, "*Walk by the Spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit*" (Galatians 5:16, 25).

2) We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness: The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance of looking at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

3) We need to observe Pentecost every day: "*It will always be Pentecost in the church,*" affirmed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "*provided the church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the church ceases to let her strength rest on the power from above which Christ promised her, and which he gave her on that day, and when the church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the church ceases to be newsworthy. The church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life*" (The Violence of Love, The Plough Pub Co, Farmington, PA: 1988).

Archbishop Romero's words remind us— as does today's Gospel— that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the church is a field of dry, dead bones. Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "*Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people— frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith.*" Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

We continue to extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and all those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysse, Jan and Pat Morris, Barry Morris, Christopher Morris, John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nader, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave, David McWilliams, Paul Ryan and Rita Marion.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Vene Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.