

Save the Date!

It's time for our Parish

Christmas Party

Friday, 15 December
From 5pm

*Please bring a plate to share, BYO
The Presbytery garden setting
Please join us*



Please note the change of date

Please join us for Mass and a picnic
to celebrate the career of

Mrs. Margaret Croese





12:00 pm Thursday 30 November 2023
at Sacred Heart Church Moruya.
followed by a picnic in the gardens at St Mary's Primary School.

(Please bring a picnic, blanket and a small plate to share.)

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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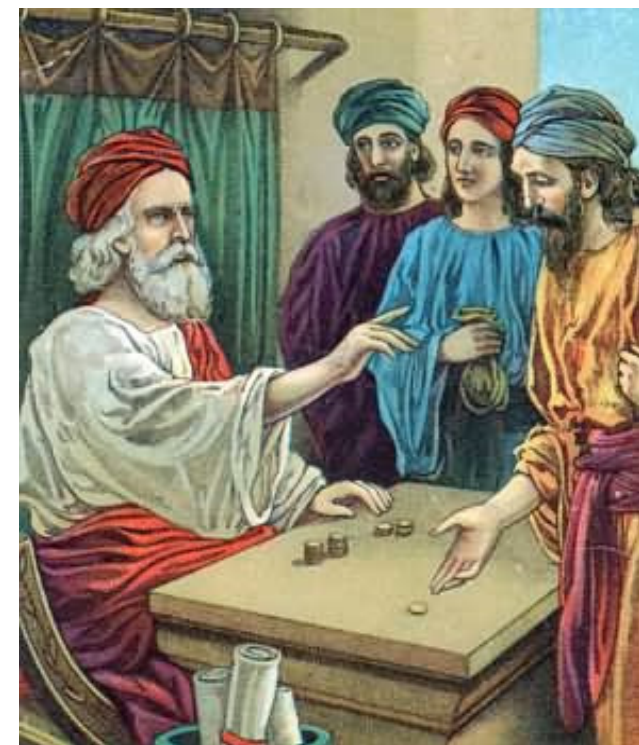


Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am
 Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass
 1st Saturday 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - 18 & 19 November 2023

The Parable of the Talents

“You have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater”



This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach heaven. The **main theme** of the three **readings** is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: “*Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master*”.

The **first reading** suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife in the use of our God given gifts with “*the fear of the Lord*”. In today’s **Responsorial Psalm** No 128, the Sacred Writer echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The **psalm** affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and success.

In the **second reading** Paul advises us to keep awake, remain sober, encourage and build up one another as we wait for the “Day of the Lord”. He challenges the Thesolonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action.

Today’s **gospel** challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God’s will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

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.

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.



Invitation

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Tuross-Head Caring Group's Christmas Party*

Thursday 30th November, 2023.
12noon at Club Tuross for lunch.

As always, we purchase our own meal and drink.
*Please advise us if you are attending.
Contact us if you need transport.*




Tuross: 0497 315 534.
Bring your friends. All welcome.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NOVEMBER MASS envelopes [MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS](#) are available in the Church foyer for Parishioners to offer Masses.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked
for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

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 spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."' "

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given: Some of us are clearly very gifted with valuable qualities and abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. Why not follow the example of people who use their God-given talents the best way possible, such as nursing assistants who take great pride in keeping their patients clean and comfortable, or carpenters who gain enormous satisfaction from building quality homes, or teachers who find joy in the discoveries of the classroom, lawyers who keep the goal of justice at the very centre of their practices etc? Most of these workers will never achieve national recognition like the authors of best-selling books or sports heroes, music idols or film stars. But they will make a lasting impact on the world around them by their willingness to invest the talents they have been given.

2) We need to make use of our talents in our Parish: God calls us to live in a world of abundance by taking risks and being generous. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our Parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the Church. We can fulfil needs we will find right in our Parish: feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and welcoming strangers in our midst. God does not want us to live in a world of scarcity; instead, he wants us to invest our time and talents in ways that multiply our effectiveness as ambassadors of Christ in the Parish. We need to make the bold assumption that there is going to be a demand for every one of our talents in our Parish community. We should step out, with confidence, believing that every God-given gift we have is going to be exceedingly useful and fruitful!

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, Clare Broekhuysen, 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, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave and Brian Fee.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to **Indy Turnbull** who will be celebrating her special day on 20 November. We hope you have a lovely day with family and friends.

BIRTHDAY CORRECTION: Fr Paul Bateman turned **97** on 17 November. Apologies for the confusion.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to **Caitlin, William** and **Piper Smyth** who will be Baptised this Sunday. Welcome Caitlin, William and Piper and the Smyth family.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next Tuesday, 21 November, Marg Croese will be hosting The Chosen at 19 Costin Street, Moruya. All welcome.