

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45am



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 2 & 3 2021

Jesus' teachings on

**The Divine Origin of Marriage,
the Sacredness of Family Life
and the Indissolubility of Marriage**



Today's scripture readings are about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and woman, a bond that God wishes to be permanent. They challenge the spouses to practice the fidelity of their ever-faithful God. The **first reading** from Genesis explains God's original plan concerning sex and marriage. It teaches us that God made man and woman for each other. Hence, they are no longer two but one, united by an unbreakable bond. It also describes the institution of marriage and shows that monogamy was God's intention from the very beginning. The **responsorial psalm** expands the marital theme of the first reading and the gospel to include the children born of the union. Since the children enrich the lives of their parents, the psalmist prays: May you see your children's children".

Today's gospel gives Christ's explicit teaching on marriage and divorce, the divine origin of marriage, the sacredness of family life and the indissolubility of marriage. These are difficult messages to preach in a society that embraces cohabitation and ignores both the escalating divorce statistics and divorce's dangerous consequences. **The Gospel teaches that family life is sacred, husband and wife are partners with equal rights and that the destruction of the family by divorce will result in the destruction of society.**

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

**(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.**

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 will be 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!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should

make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life. - (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1661).

THE WORD AND LIFE ... this week

1) **We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and problem families.** There must be compassion, and a challenge to sin no more. Those who are divorced must be taught that God has not abandoned them. The Parish community must accept them with respect, compassion and sensitivity. It is the duty of the Christian community to love and support them. We must reach out to those who have been hurt by bad marriages. We may not realise the depth of their pain, but we must be aware of our own frailty. Those who are divorced and remarried must not be excluded from our community. While the Church cannot sanction remarriage unless the previous marriage was declared annulled by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, we must make it clear that the church is not issuing a condemnation. “They should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts for justice, to bring up their children in the Christian faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore, day by day, God’s grace” (CCC 1651).

2) **We need to be aware of the dangers of cohabitation.** According to the *National Fatherhood Initiative*, the rates of depression are three times higher for cohabiting couples than they are for married couples. Cohabiting men and women reported significantly more alcohol problems than married or single men and women. Cohabiting unions have more disagreements, fight more and report lower levels of happiness than their married counterparts. Male aggression is twice as common among cohabiting couples as it is among married partners. Hence, parents must make sure that children understand that cohabitation is morally evil and not an innocent option for fun.

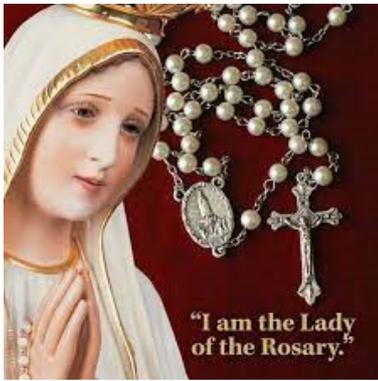
Throughout the Bible we find it repeatedly implied that each individual soul has the tutelary angel. Thus, Abraham, when sending his steward to seek a wife for Isaac, says: “He will send His angel before thee” (Genesis 24:7). The words of the nineteenth Psalm which the devil quoted to our Lord (Matthew 4:6) are well known, and Judith accounts for her heroic deed by saying: “As the Lord liveth, His angel hath been my keeper” (xii, 20). These passages and many like them (Genesis 16:6-32; Hosea 12:4, 1 Kings 19:5; Acts 12:7; Psalm 33:8), through they will not of themselves demonstrate the doctrine that every individual has his appointed guardian angel, receive their complement in our Saviour’s words: “See that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say to you that their angels in Heaven always see the face of My Father who is in Heaven” (Matthew 18:10). The general doctrine that the angels are our appointed guardians is considered to be a point of faith, but that each individual member of the human race has his own individual angel. Saint Jerome wrote: “How great the dignity of the soul since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it”. **2nd October is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, and Kay Morton.

WORLD MISSION MONTH: As we prepare to enter the month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or for any information, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email

kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au. **In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need. You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.**

PLEASE NOTE: the Archdiocesan Covid Protocol which requires Parishioners to be fully vaccinated to attend Mass from Monday, 11 October and for all Parishioners from Monday, 18 October.



OCTOBER 2021: MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:

ROSARY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:

While our Churches are closed, Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray via zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions.

TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! *Archbishop Christopher will lead us in prayer)*

ZOOM DETAILS: click on the link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?
pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09)

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app **Meeting ID:** 850 2245 8332 **Passcode:** 543675

The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary in the Scripture. Praying Rosary with Mary will lead us to grow closer to God. It is a powerful prayer and mirrors the rhythms of daily family life. "Hail Mary" Ava Maria

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday – Saturday 12.15pm,
Sunday 11am <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

CONDOLENCES: Mrs Eva Taylor, a long-time resident of Moruya passed away last Monday. Eva turned 100 last February. Please keep Eva's family in your prayers and may she rest in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: Adam Strahlendorf's Birthday was on 30 September and
Marg Croese's on 2 October. **Happy Birthday to you both!**

PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins Sunday, October 3. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between **October 3 and 10**, including: Daily Masses; Morning prayer for Plenary Council members; and Sharing the fruits of discernment. The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit the [Plenary Council website](#) for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we "open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church." You may wish to participate in the [Archdiocesan Plenary Novena](#). Key documents, including articles, images, infographics, and multimedia content, will be available via [Google Drive](#). You may wish to bookmark the link for easy access. In addition, each day during the Assembly, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members.

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP ON EUTHANASIA, 28 SEPTEMBER 2021:

Greetings to you all! Moves are gaining momentum politically to introduce euthanasia legislation into New South Wales Parliament. Euthanasia is so totally opposite to all that we love and believe to be the truth. It is a prime example of a culture of death. We must do all we possibly can to defeat this legislation and champion a culture of life. One of the most effective ways of doing this is by our parishioners writing personal letters to their elected political representatives opposing this legislation. Could I implore you to bring this up with your parishioners and encourage them to start writing letters now. As always, I will leave it up to you and your parishes to devise the best way during this covid world to educate our people further on this matter. I draw your attention to my recent Pastoral Letter on the matter of Euthanasia, "Human Beings need Humanity not Euthanasia". Yours sincerely in Christ, +cprowse

COVID PROTOCOLS: **Beginning Monday 11 October 2021:** Masks are **mandatory**, except children under 12. Gatherings are to observe the **4sqm rule**. No singing. *Service NSW app* to be used for **COVID Safe Check-in**. Parish Offices Open. Mass only for those who are fully vaccinated. Weddings for those unvaccinated restricted to 5 guests, otherwise apply 4sqm rule. Funerals for those unvaccinated restricted to 10 people, otherwise apply 4sqm rule.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hr at 2am on Sunday October 3.

Remember

Most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.