

MASS TIME CHANGE: There will be no 5pm Mass on Tuesday, 5 September.

VINNIES NEWS: Our Conference will be placing a collection basket at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food items. The following is a list of the type of food that we regularly distribute to those in need: long life milk, tinned fruit, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee. From this weekend, we invite parishioners to donate one item on a monthly basis, if you are able. This will help relieve the financial strain on our food budget. With Christmas not too far away, we are happy to inform you that we were successful in obtaining a Clubs Grant totalling \$3,000. This money will enable us to give extra support to families who find it difficult to make ends meet over the holiday season.

2023 FAITH IN LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

On Thursday 24 August, the 2023 Faith in Learning Excellence Awards were held in Canberra. Carroll College, received the following award:

Director's Special Recognition—Student Care Award

First Responders—Carroll College, Broulee

Congratulations Carroll College!

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CALVARY HOSPITAL UPDATE: Next Monday, *4 September 2023*, the Senate will conduct its hearing enquiry into the ACT Greens-Labor Government's unjust takeover of Calvary Public Hospital. It begins at 6pm *and runs to 8pm*. You are most welcome to come to Parliament House, Canberra, for the hearing. A full room overflowing with ordinary Australian citizens would be good. I spoke again with *Ray Hadley* on Monday, 28 August 2023, about the unjust Calvary takeover, the ACT Government's legislation to legalise illicit drugs, and its plan to allow Voluntary Assisted Dying for teenagers who display 'decision-making capacity.' After the Senate enquiry, I will be in touch about our proposal to petition *every single politician* in our country to ensure that the unjust compulsory acquisition of Calvary is the *first and last unjust acquisition of its kind in our country's history*. Again, thanks for your interest and support. *Fr Tony Percy*

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL—COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided on the church pews and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

Happy Father's Day

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men that they be strengthened as Christian Fathers. Bless these Fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse by death by divorce; who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Let the example of their faith, love and dedication to the family shine forth. Grant that, we their sons and daughters may honour them always with the spirit of profound love and respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord, amen.



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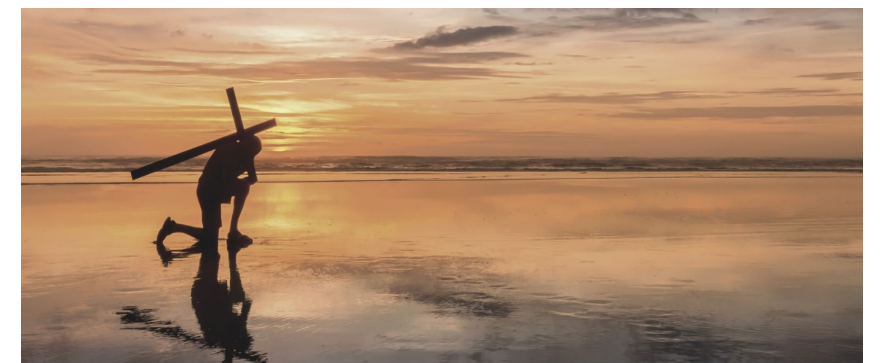


Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am
Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass
4:15pm-4:45pm 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - September 2 & 3 2023

Three conditions of Christian discipleship
“Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me”

The readings for this Sunday remind us that Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer (“take up your cross”) generosity (“to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God”) and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love. Today's readings explain how these things may be done. Jeremiah, in the first reading is a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the responsorial psalm the psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah himself does in 20:11-13. In the second reading Paul advises the Romans (Rom12:1-2) to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice” to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behaviour of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. In today's gospel Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of faith, he announced that he “must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised”. After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: “deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me”. Unless we constantly remind ourselves of the demands of this difficult vocation from God, we will fail to be the kind of disciples that Christ wants us to be.



Happy Father's Day to all Fathers and Grandfathers in our Parish



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by
your new mind. This is the only way to discover
the will of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

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 began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen
to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because
the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to
be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and
take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then,
will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins
his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for
his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he
will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 ...

1) We need to be extremophiles for Christ: True disciples of Christ are: **a) extremely compassionate;** they are: willing to visit the infected and the sick in hospitals, the incontinent elderly in nursing homes, and patients in hospices; **b) extremely humble:** they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that personal talents and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; **c) extremely patient;** they are committed to working with challenging children, adolescents with problems, and young adults who are struggling with their faith; **d) extremely forgiving;** they are willing to forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God has forgiven them again and again; **e) extremely loving;** they willingly visit people in prisons, retirement homes and in homeless shelters; **f) extremely faithful;** they are living out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with spouses, with family and friends.

2) We need to ask these questions as we examine our conscience: Do today's churches offer a faith strong enough to command a sacrifice? Do I have enough faith to offer up a genuine sacrifice for Christ's sake? Can a church in today's self-centered culture ask its people to sacrifice something for the sake of the gospel? Jesus' challenge to all would-be disciples requires more than a "feel-good" spirituality. A true disciple asks "Am I willing to sacrifice something for the kingdom?" What made it possible for first-century Christians to choose a martyr's death? What has kept generations of Christians from losing faith and falling apart when confronted by the violence and hatred of this world? How can I offer even the day-to-day sacrifices of my faith that demand things I do not want to sacrifice? Can I sacrifice some of my time in order to visit a homeless shelter or soup kitchen? Can I sacrifice my job security and refuse to "go along" with a policy that is unjust? Can I sacrifice my need to be in control and let Christ do with me whatever he may will? Can I refuse to let my children watch television programs filled with sex and violence?

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 & Bert 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, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Leo Kop, Barbara Kirk, John Richmond, Miriam Turnbull and Natasha Morton.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next **Tuesday, 5 September** Parishioners are invited to Marg Croese's home (19 Costin Street, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen**.

**First Eucharist next weekend, 9 September at
5pm Mass. Please keep the children in your
prayers this week as they prepare to make this
important sacrament.**

