

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 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, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Leo Kop, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter and Pauline de Grave.

BIRTHDAYS: A very Happy Birthday to Isaac Strahlendorf who celebrated his special day on 19 October (which just happens to be the Feast Day of St Isaac). We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE—FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER: The Archbishop has addressed the concern for world peace, especially in the Middle East. He has advised that Pope Francis has invited all for a day of fasting, prayer and penance on Friday, 27 October. *“Please come together on this day in our parishes, schools and communities in all kinds of prayerful and appropriate ways in response to the Pope’s invitation”*. Please join us for Friday Mass at 9:15am and Adoration.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to our Parishioners who have kindly volunteered to clean the Church. Your kindness is very much appreciated.


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At the PPC meeting held last week the need for more volunteers in various ministries within the parish was highlighted. In particular, the areas most in need are:

(1) Counters; (2) Sunday power-point back-up; (3) Setting up the Altar; (4) Offertory; and (5) Readers.

If you would like to assist in any capacity, or have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office: moruya@cg.org.au / 4474 2024 or call John Munce 0439 473 214 for more information. Assistance, training and guidance will be provided.


REMEMBRANCE MASS: Next Tuesday, 24 October, a Remembrance Mass will be celebrated for Gary Pollock, son of Paddy at 5pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Also, next Tuesday, 24 October after 5pm Mass, Jan Morris will be hosting The Chosen at 12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The first half of the Hail Mary is from Scripture: the Angel Gabriel’s greeting to the Virgin Mary when God let her know of her unique place in the history of human salvation. The second half is the church’s response, our petition to Mary as Mother of God. We acknowledge our need for her help for our salvation now, and we ask in particular for this help at the moment of our death. So many private apparitions of the Blessed Virgin over the centuries have given us messages about this help, and it is a great comfort to believe that Mary will be there when the soul, the source of life for our body, struggles toward a different form of living. Mothers give birth; Mary will be there, no matter when or how death comes to each of us.



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina’s, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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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

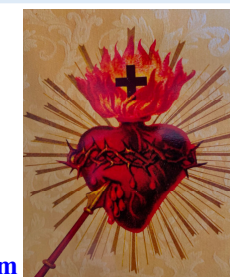
Reconciliation: Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 21 & 22 2023

World Mission Sunday (22 October, 2023)



Hearts on Fire

FEET ON THE MOVE

This year’s World Mission Day Appeal takes us to Timor-Leste, a country with a troubled history of invasion, oppression and poverty. The Church in Timor-Leste has been a courageous presence and voice for peace and justice, offering sanctuary to thousands of people who faced persecution. Today the Church is playing a vital role in rebuilding the nation. Timor-Leste needs our support to build a parish community, parish churches, church leaders, orphanages and health care facilities.

This World Mission Day we are called to build a community together with our brothers and sisters across the globe. The Church in Timor-Leste is testament to the power of God’s love to change lives, communities and countries. That powerful message ours to share.

Remember back to when Pope Benedict visited the United Kingdom in 2010 and said *“By letting the light of faith shine in our hearts, and by abiding in that light, through prayer and participation in the sacraments, we ourselves become light to those around us”*. One of Cardinal Newman’s best-loved meditations includes the words *“God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another”*.

When Pope Benedict XVI addressed World Mission Sunday in 2010, he said *“The month of October, with the celebration of World Mission Sunday, offers to the entire People of God an opportunity to renew the commitment to proclaim the Gospel and to give pastoral activities greater missionary perspective”*.

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.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. **(R)**
2. The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. **(R)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. **(R)**
4. Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 10:9-18

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

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not everyone has heeded the good news, for Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?" Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the

word of Christ. But I ask, did they not hear? Certainly they did; for "Their voice has gone forth to all the earth and their words to the ends of the world".

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and make disciples of all nations

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: I call upon you; answer me O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my prayer. Keep me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Communion Antiphon: Go and tell the people all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Why should we preach? Jesus, the first missionary, made a permanent arrangement for inviting all men throughout the ages to share God's love and salvation: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you*". (Mt 28:19). This is why the Council Fathers of the Second Vatican Council declared that the Church of Christ "is missionary in its origin and nature". Hence, it follows that the mission of the Church is the mission of every member of the Church, and is not reserved for the priests, the religious, and the active missionaries alone. Thus, every Christian is a missionary with a message to share—the message of God's love, liberation and eternal salvation.

2) How are we to accomplish this goal? The most powerful means of fulfilling this goal is by living a truly Christian life—a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion and a forgiving spirit. Mr Gandhi used to say "*My life is my message*". He often challenged the Christian missionaries to observe the "apostolate of the rose". A rose doesn't preach. It simply radiates its fragrance and attracts every one to it by its irresistible beauty. Hence, the most important thing is not the gospel we preach, but the life we live. This is how the early Christians evangelised. Their Gentile neighbours used to say "See how these Christians love one another". The Christ they recognised and accepted was the Christ who lived in each Christian.

3) Prayer is the second means of missionary work: Jesus said "*Without me you can do nothing*". Therefore, prayer is necessary for anyone who wishes to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pope John Paul II stressed the fact that the Holy Spirit would help us to become witnesses of Christ only in an atmosphere of prayer. Since missionaries are weak human beings and since witnessing to Christ through life is not easy, we need to support them by our prayers. Pope Benedict's message back in 2007 reminds us "*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few*", the Lord said "*pray, therefore the Lord to send out labourers into his harvest*" (Lk 10:2).

4) All missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food and means of livelihood. The sick can experience the healing power of Jesus only through the dedicated service of doctors, nurses and health care workers. Hospitals and nursing homes require funding. The use of expensive modern media and communication is often necessary to bring Christ's message of love and liberation more effectively to non-Christians in the modern world. **Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers and by generous donations.**

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Sacred Heart Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr George Azhakath or the Parish Office. Alternatively, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to talk with Fr George. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to the **Parish Safeguarding Officers: Pauline Parnell** ronandpauline@yahoo.com; **Louise Strahlendorf** loumm214@gmail.com; or **Peter Hoban** peter.hoban@peters.com.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au/6239 9806.