



Prayer for Confirmation Candidates



Lord, You send out Your spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: 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 Broekhuysen, 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, Rita Marion and Viola Collaran, Sandy Spellacy and John Munce.

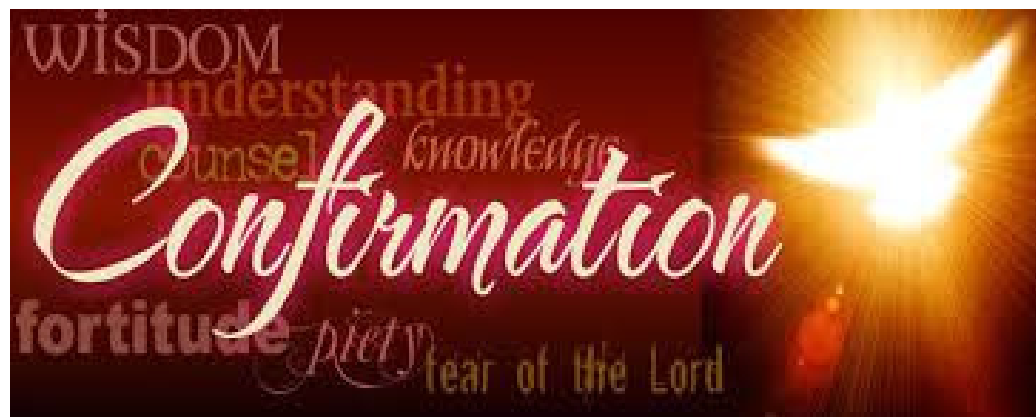
BIRTHDAYS: Very Happy Birthday to Helen Brown and Sue McDonald who will be celebrating their special days on 26 June. We hope you both have a lovely day with family and dear friends.

PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving boxes containing envelopes are ready for collection. **Please be reminded not to use old envelopes from the first weekend in July.** The envelope boxes have been renumbered and if old numbers are used, it will not be recorded against the correct name. The Planned Giving boxes are available in the Church foyer.



BODALLA MASS: Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla this Sunday, 23 June at 3pm. All welcome!

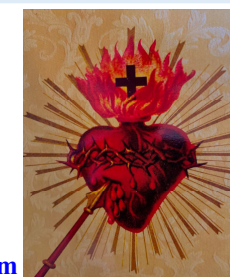
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE, EDEN: A warm invitation is extended to all to join the Archbishop as he leads the annual Mary Mackillop pilgrimage in Eden on **Saturday, 3 August.** The day will include a pilgrim's walk at 11am, Mass at 12pm with lunch provided by the Parish of Pambula. If you wish to attend, please rsvp to Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette Wood (0429 774 119). A flyer is displayed in the Church foyer with more details.



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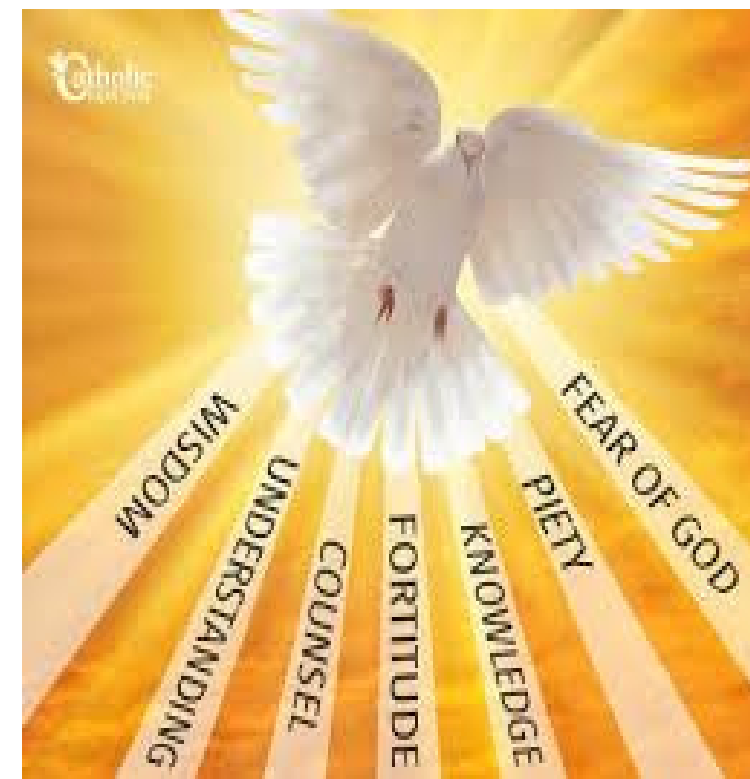


Mass Times:
 Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am
 Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
 Tuross: Sun: 8:00am Bodalla: 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Every Saturday @ Moruya 4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass
 1st Saturday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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B - 22 & 23 June 2024

Confirmation Sunday 10:30am

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgement and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, speak our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates:

Sophie A, Cooper C, Mitchell W, Madison C, Callam T, Lila W, Benjamin P, Blake R, Xavier L, Felicity P, Leo S, Spencer S, Elka H, Nathan W, Ky N, Sophie VW, Jimmy D

A very warm welcome to Archbishop Christopher Prowse



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in

Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says 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.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

Life messages: Accommodate Jesus in the boat of your life: We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives; physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation and passion. But only Jesus can still these storms. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day. When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our faith, Jesus is there to still the storm, revealing to us his divinity and the authority behind the words of the Holy Scripture. Jesus gives us peace in a tempest of doubt, tension and uncertainty, provided we humbly submit to Jesus' guidance. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, about the known future and about those we love. Jesus calms the storms of passion in people who have hot heads and blazing tempers.

“Lord, don't you care about us” Sure, He does! Is Christ asleep? We might often be tempted to think so when we sit by, helplessly watching the sufferings of a loved one, or in the face of personal tragedy, or in times of depression or natural disaster. In such moments we instinctively turn to God and yet sometimes we don't find Him or he seems far away, apparently busy with other matters. But in our Gospel passage today, Jesus does calm the storm. And that's just it. Jesus does calm the storm—not all storms forever, but each storm individually at the right moment, just when calming is needed.

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.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Mark's audience

Scripture scholars are now convinced that the Gospel of Mark was the first of the four New Testament gospels to be written. It is probable that it was written at about 70 - 75 C.E. - approximately 40 years after the death of Jesus. The intended community was probably based in or around Rome and so were mostly gentile (non-Jewish) Christians. The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by Roman forces in 70 C.E. was one of the signs that led this community to believe that the world was coming to an end and that the Messiah was about to return.