

Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Communion Antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



THE WORD AND LIFE this week

What is your Christmas gift for Jesus? “When Jesus called that Christmas week I wasn’t at my best; And the house was much too cluttered to entertain a guest. He seemed to notice everything, the card still unaddressed, the gifts piled high awaiting wraps, the baking and rest. His eyes fell on the evergreen and the present ‘neath the tree. ‘It’s my Birthday that you celebrate—what are you giving me? ‘What am I giving him?’ I thought: ashamed, no words I found. So many costly things I’d bought, he looked at me and frowned. I prayed he’d let the question pass but when he did persist, I blurted out the truth at last, ‘You were not on my list’”. - Louise Teisberg



Is Jesus on your list this Christmas? What special gift are we giving to Jesus this Christmas? We all know the pleasure of finding the right present for our husband and wife, for our children, a good friend, a parent. What special gift are we giving to Jesus this year to honour his birth and what do we expect from God? God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to give us human beings what we really needed most in life: hearts filled with love. That is the gift which Jesus expects and that is what you and I need from God this Christmas—a heart filled with love. God wants to give each of us a heart filled with love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness on this Christmas and every day of our lives. May we share the same gifts with the rest of humanity.

ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Please give generously to this year’s appeal. **The 3rd leaving collection** will go towards this. Your contributions will assist Diocesan projects within the Diocese of Otuipo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Bougainville in PNG. An article with detail on this year’s Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal is also in the December Edition of the Catholic Voice along with a Coupon for parishioners wishing to send in their donation: the Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal, Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601.

FR EDEN FAREWELL: Fr Eden’s last day in the Parish will be next **Sunday, 1 January**. A Farewell Morning Tea is being organised after 10am mass. If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift, please see Mark Joyce or John Gillet or pop into the office Wednesday or Friday between 9am-2pm.

Thank you! As 2022 draws to an end, we thank each and every one of you and appreciate the selfless and cheerful service and co-operation you have shown for the past year in the Parish as members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, lectors, Caring Group members, collectors, counters, offertory, musicians, florists, maintenance, altar linen cleaning, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and everyone who has helped the Liturgy and upkeep of the Church in one way or another. Thank you to all those who contributed to the upkeep of the church by way of financial contributions and weekly collections throughout the year. We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Sincere thanks to one and all!



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am
Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass
Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am

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Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am Adoration 40 mins before weekday Mass



Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day

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December 24 & 25 2022



Welcome to all parishioners and visitors as we celebrate Christmas at Sacred Heart

Dear Friends,

“The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overpower it” these words from the prologue of St. John’s Gospel echo throughout the whole world today as we celebrate anew the birth of our Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our world today we perceive so much darkness; war, violence, natural disasters and the list goes on. At Christmas, we are reminded that in all the darkness of our world and in our lives too, God has not abandoned us, in fact, he has inserted himself right into this darkness in order to be our light to walk us through death into eternal life.

The coming of Christ is not the end of life’s sufferings or the creation of some utopia on earth, but rather the new hope we now have because the Word has become flesh, the light has come into the darkness of this world, and the darkness no longer has the final word. God, in His Son Jesus has broken the barrier that divided heaven and earth and has given us access to Himself in the most intimate way. And this is the great joy of Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners who have supported me this year in my first year of priesthood. It was a great privilege to begin my ministry here in Moruya parish. I will remember fondly my time with you all and I ask that we continue to pray for each other as we continue in our journey of faith.

God’s blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas and into the New Year
In Jesus and Mary,
Fr Eden Langlands



Liturgy of the Word - Christmas Eve

First Reading Is 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;

they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,

these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,

every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt

and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,

a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;

and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,

Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion

in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David

and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure

in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,

the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**

2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **(R.)**

4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Liturgy of the Word - Christmas Day

First Reading Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

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

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in

heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:1-5. 9-14

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us.
And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ