



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.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere Condolences to Pam Campbell on the passing of her husband Greg. May Greg rest in eternal peace dear Lord. Funeral details to be advised.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to the Quinn family as their children Bonnie and Cody are Baptised on Sunday. Please keep Bonnie and Cody in your prayers as they commence their faith journey.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Confirmation Commitment Mass is this Saturday, 25 May at 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be attending the Confirmations on **Sunday, 23 June** at the special time of **10:30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

BODALLA MASS: Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla this Sunday, 26 May at 3pm. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you please spare an hour or so to visit and comfort our sick and housebound parishioners? If so, please contact the office for details. Alternatively, if you know of someone in your neighbourhood or in the parish, who is unwell or lonely, please make a concerted effort to provide comfort and support to them. *“Our faith can move mountains”* Matthew 17:20

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MENALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN: Held at MHoC Parish, Sacred Heart Church in Pearce on the weekend of 25 & 26 May. MHoC along with menALIVE experienced leaders will hold retreat. A weekend of talks, personal testimonies & opportunities for discussion & space to reflect, please register at: <https://canberracatholic.men> Enq: Matt Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036.



F E A S T O F T H E
SACRED HEART

*Whole School Mass &
Grandparents' Morning Tea*

Please join us for Mass at Sacred Heart Church Moruya at 9:15 am on Friday 7 June. We will hold a special morning tea at school afterwards to honour our grandparents.



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath

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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



The Most Holy Trinity

- YEAR B -

25 & 26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (One God)

Importance of the Holy Trinity in the life of the Church:

The solemnity of the Holy Spirit is one of the most important feasts in the Church. The Feast of the Holy Trinity was established by Pope John XXII (d.1334). It provides a fitting climax to the first half of the year and lends a dogmatic foundation for the Sundays in the second half. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nice and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. This doctrine contains the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are three divine persons, sharing the same divine nature in one God. The doctrine of the Trinity underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. All the official prayers of the Church, including the Holy Mass and the sacraments, begin with an address to the Holy Trinity: *“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”* We are baptised, absolved of our sins and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity.



Throughout the world, church bells ring three times a day invoking Christians to pray to God the Father (the Provider); God the Son (the Saviour); and God the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier). We bless ourselves with the sign of the cross invoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we conclude our prayers glorifying the Holy Trinity, saying *“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.”*

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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 Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **We need to respect ourselves and respect others:** Our conviction of the presence of the Triune God within us should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place and enable us to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

2) **Holy Trinity is our Source of strength and courage:** The awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us, gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage. It was such a conviction that prompted the early Christian martyrs, when taken to their execution, to shout the heroic prayer of faith from the psalms: "The Lord of might is with us, our God is within us and the God of Jacob is our helper" (Psalm 46).

3) **The Holy Trinity is the model for Christian families:** We are created in love—to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Since the day we were baptised, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful family! Hence let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to Their family, the family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

4) **We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships:** We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people. Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. St Francis Xavier's favourite prayer was: *Most Holy Trinity, Who lives in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and I love You. May the son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever, Amen.*

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

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 Ebelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysse, 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.

BIRTHDAYS: A very Happy Birthday to Fr Emil on 24 May. Happy Birthday also to Paddy Pollock who is celebrating this weekend on the 25 May. We hope you both have a lovely day!



The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.