

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 9am—2pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45am



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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September 25 & 26 2021

Open To The Spirit's Workings!

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

Today's scripture readings gives us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal. **In the first reading**, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Joshua could not tolerate the two men who started prophesying without attending the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony Moses conducted in the camp. This selection is intended to provide a biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy. **In the second reading** James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice in refusing to give a living wage to their workers, in ignoring the needs of others and in condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable rather than violent means.



In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complained to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples was exorcising demons in Jesus' name in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus taught the apostles lessons in his kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they had done for the disciples of Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community and beginners in the faith. Jesus warned the apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a lump or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus is inviting us to integrate out bodies into our following of Christ so that our hands become agents of compassion, healing and comfort, our feet help us to bring the Gospel to the world and our eyes learn to see the truth, goodness and beauty that is all around us.

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labour-

ers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE ... this week ...

Life messages: 1) Let us avoid conduct that can lead to scandal. We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others (a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them; (b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image; (c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them; (d) when we become judgmental of those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we feel is useless. 2) Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance: It means that we should bear with the weaknesses of others without condoning the evil they do by a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs b) respecting the differences we encounter c) working together on projects of common interest (d) affirming what is good in the other person's position even when we disagree on certain things, and e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through out loving words and deeds.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, and Kay Morton.

ACN AUSTRALIA: A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia:* **One Million Children Praying the Rosary:** ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



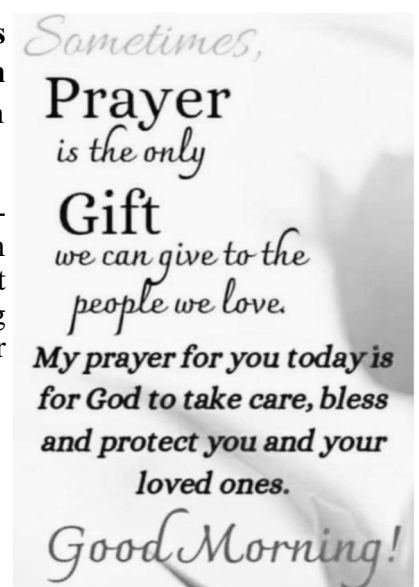
MARRIAGE COURSE: Whether you've been together for 6 months or 40 years, in a good place or struggling, maybe now is the time to consider The Marriage Course. The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your marriage, in a fun, impactful format. Hosted by the Archdiocese, explore 7 topics together in the comfort of your own home (via ZOOM). It is for all ages and stages of marriage. Starting Tuesday 19th October. Cost is \$70. To watch a trailer about the course click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qba2wYpXgUs> To register for the course: www.cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/the-marriage-course/ or contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au

MORE WITH JESUS: *More with Jesus* has been written for anyone who would like to understand a little more about Christian baptism. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has developed *More with Jesus*, an adult formation resource to lead Catholics into a deeper understanding of the baptismal vocation. By gifting a copy of *More with Jesus* to those engaging with the sacraments in our parish, we have the opportunity to hear God calling us back to him and to re-engage in our parish beyond the sacraments we seek to receive.

More with Jesus can also be provided to parishioners and gifted to friends as an aid towards spiritual renewal—especially during these times when face-to-face attendance at Mass can be difficult. Parishioners can purchase *More with Jesus* by visiting: evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop

WORLD MISSION MONTH: As we prepare to enter the month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or for any information, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au





CONGRATULATIONS: Dear Parishioners, I am very happy to announce to you that after having successfully completed 6 months probation, as Secretary in the Parish Office, the Archdiocesan administration and me jointly have appointed Vickie Moore as Parish Secretary permanently with effect from 24 September 2021. Vickie will be in the office Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am—2pm. Congratulations. - Fr George

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

ROSARY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: While our Churches are closed, Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray via zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions.

TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! *Archbishop Christopher will lead us in prayer)*

ZOOM DETAILS: Simply click on the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd2IaVDQzWnAydz09>

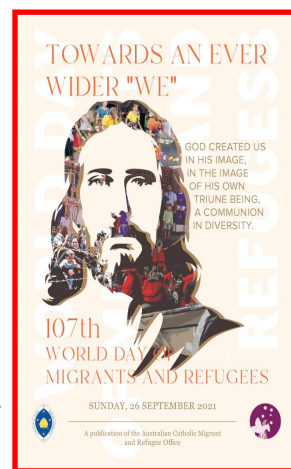
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The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary in the Scripture. Praying Rosary with Mary will lead us to grow closer to God. It is a powerful prayer and mirrors the rhythms of daily family life. “Hail Mary” Ava Maria

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Migrant and Refugee Sunday is celebrated in Australia on the last Sunday in September. This brings the practice of the Church in Australia into line with the practice of the Church around the world.

PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: **The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins next weekend. Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>** During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between **October 3 and 10**, including: Daily Masses; Morning prayer for Plenary Council members; and Sharing the fruits of discernment. The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit the **Plenary Council website** for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we “open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church.” You may wish to participate in the **Archdiocesan Plenary Novena**. Key documents, including articles, images, infographics, and multimedia content, will be available via **Google Drive**. You may wish to bookmark the link for easy access. In addition, each day during the Assembly, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members. Attached to this Bulletin is a letter from Archbishop Prowse.



A LOT MORE HAPPENING ON QUEEN STREET THESE DAYS... THANKS TO THE MORUYA COUNCIL