

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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

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

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

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



1st Sunday of Advent

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November 26 & 27 2022

The Season of Advent

Story of the Advent Wreath

The origins of the Advent Wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic people who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming of spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive and by the 16th century they used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Today, the Advent wreath is a widely recognised symbol of Advent (the arrival of a notable person or thing). The wreath is made of a circle evergreen laid flat to symbolise the endless and ever growing nature of God's love for his people. Four candles stand in the circle. Traditionally, 3 of the candles are **purple** and the 4th, the "joy" candle, is **pink**. One candle is lit during the first week of Advent, two in the second week, etc. The candle reminds us of the light of God coming into the world and the light from the candles grow brighter as each week comes closer to Christmas.



Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty God, we pray for Your blessing upon our parish and all who share in the life and work of the parish.

Mother Mary, pray for us, so that God's will may be done in all things regarding our parish. Grant us the grace to provide good pastoral care, and help us to be joyful, spirit-led people of deep faith, fully equipped to assist others to encounter Christ in a deep and meaningful way. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they
will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

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 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE - Letter from Archbishop Prowse

Dear friends in Christ,

You will be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic period this Archdiocese did not require us to attend Church. This was an extraordinary measure for our health and wellbeing.

Given the facts of the new situation regarding the pandemic, I am lifting the exemption from obligation to worship God at Mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022.

Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass.

Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament. An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life.

We appear to be coming to an end of this long and, for so many, most terrifying time. We reflect on all we have experienced. We pray for each other, especially for those who continue to suffer in any way from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare for the Christmas Season of joy, let us continue our "Walking Together" into this penitential season of ADVENT in repentant and joyful HOPE for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Apostolic Administrator of the Military Ordinariate of Australia

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, and the sick members of our Parish: Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry, Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuyse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny McCaskill, Annette Moore, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Jaijing Greenwood, Robyn Barkley and Mark Wales.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to the Moore and Price families as their children Maisie and Ridge receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: We will be meeting for prayer and discussion in the Church after 5:30pm Mass each Tuesday during **Advent** starting **29th November**. This is an opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for the Feast of Christmas.

ART FOR LEISURE: A huge 'thank you' to Bert Broekhuyse and his band of extremely talented artists for the mini exhibition and sale last weekend. A total of \$210 has been donated to the Parish.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: New Rosters will be available in early December. If you would like to be added or removed from either list, please advise the office by 30 November: moruya@cg.org.au

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 21 December at 6:00pm** in the Church. We are all encouraged to avail ourselves of this wonderful sacrament as we prepare to welcome Christ anew into our hearts this Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Parish Christmas Party on **Friday, 16 December from 6pm** at the BBQ area. Sausage sandwiches will be provided; please bring a salad and sweet to share. BYO drinks. To RSVP and for catering purposes, please place your name on the acceptance sheet which you will find in the Church foyer by 12 December. Tuross folk can email the office: moruya@cg.org.au or phone 4474 2024 and leave your acceptance if the office is unattended.



OTHER NOTICES

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: 2022 CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE:

That Catholic Shop is an initiative of **Aid to the Church in Need**. Aid to the Church in Need set up the store to a) raise funds to assist the work of Aid to the Church in Need and b) to allow the Church in Need to

reach people who might not have otherwise learnt about Aid to the Church in Need and c) to bring Catholic and faith inspired products into homes. Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of **That Catholic Shop** are available in the Church foyer. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can

also visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to view the range and order online.

Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend either of our Caring Group's Christmas Parties.

Moruya: Friday 2nd December, 2022.
11am for M'tea in the Kennedy Meeting Room,
at Sacred Heart Church, Queen St.
Parking available beside the church.

Tuross: Thursday 15th December, 2022.
12noon at Club Tuross for lunch.

As always, we purchase our own meal and drink.
Please advise us if you are attending.

Tuross: 0497 315 534.
Moruya: 0431 354 993

Bring your friends. All welcome.