

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
Communion Antiphon: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

First Reading **Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7**

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
- The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
- The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought

the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the
finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is
the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that
Day; and not only to me but to all those who have
longed for his Appearing.

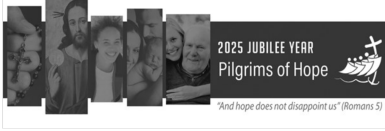
The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me – may they not be held accountable for
it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so
that through me the whole message might be
proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was
rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue
me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely
to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.
Alleluia!
Gospel **Luke 18:9-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and
despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this
prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind,
and particularly that I am not like this tax collector
here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The
tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with
God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



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Moruya**

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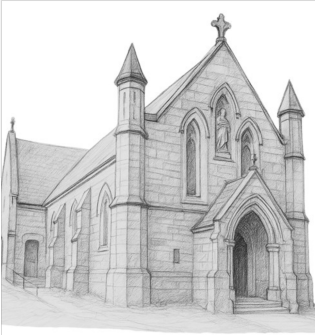
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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th October 2025**

Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya
36 Queen Street, Moruya

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am

'The Pines', Tuross Head
36 Craddock Rd, Tuross Head
Sunday: 8.00am

St. Edmund's, Bodalla
162 Princes Hwy, Bodalla
4th Sunday: 12noon

Weekday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya
Tuesday: 5.00pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday: 9.15am

St Edmund's, Bodalla
2nd Friday: 9.00am

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Sacred Heart, Moruya
First Mondays: 6pm

Confessions

Sacred Heart, Moruya
Tuesday: After Mass
Saturday: 4.30pm - 4:50pm

Adoration

Sacred Heart, Moruya
Fridays: 9:45am
(After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary

Daily: After Mass

A HEART THAT KNOWS ITS NEED FOR GOD

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel offers us one of Jesus' most moving parables —
the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Both men go up to the temple
to pray, but their hearts could not be more different. The Pharisee stands tall,
certain of his goodness and eager to list his achievements before God. The tax
collector, meanwhile, stays at a distance, his eyes lowered, whispering only,
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the humble tax collector — not the self-assured
Pharisee — who goes home justified. This story reminds us that the Lord does
not measure holiness by outward appearances or impressive deeds, but by
the honesty and humility of our hearts. The one who knows their need for
mercy is the one most ready to receive it.

In our daily lives, it can be easy to slip into comparison — to look at others
and think, "I'm doing better than they are," or to quietly congratulate
ourselves for being faithful or prayerful. Yet Jesus invites us to a different kind
of prayer: one that is simple, sincere, and free of pretence. God already
knows our hearts. He knows our weariness, our hopes, and our hidden
struggles. All He asks is that we come before Him truthfully
and trust His compassion.

Here in our parish, we are blessed to walk together as a community that tries,
each day, to live the Gospel with humility and love. We see it in the quiet
generosity of those who serve, in the faith of those who pray for others, and
in the welcome extended to all who enter our church. May our parish always
be a place where no one feels judged or forgotten, but where everyone
encounters the gentle mercy of Christ.

Let us pray this week for hearts that are humble, open, and honest before the
Lord — hearts that know their need for God, and in knowing, are filled with
His peace.

With every blessing and prayer,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Moruya

Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 27th —Mon. 29th Week in O.T.

Tues 28th—Tues 29th Week in O.T.

Wed 29th— St. John Paul II

Thurs 30th — Thurs 29th Week in OT

Fri 31st — Fri 29th Week in OT

Sat 1st November — All Saints Day

Sun 2nd—All Souls’ Day

**October
is dedicated
to the
Holy Rosary**



ALL SOUL’S DAY – 1st & 2nd November

As we commemorate All Souls’ Day, we are invited to pray for the faithful departed and commend their souls to God’s mercy.

Saturday, 1st November

- *Blessing of Graves* – 3:00pm at Broulee Memorial Gardens, Broulee
- *All Soul’s Day Vigil Mass* – 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya

Sunday, 2nd November

- All Soul’s Day *Mass* – 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya
- *Blessing of Graves* – following Mass at Moruya Cemetery

This is a time for families to gather, tend to graves, and pray for loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Let us come together in hope and remembrance.

BODALLA MASS: This Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at St. Edmund’s in Bodalla at 12 noon. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Mass and to gather afterwards for lunch at the pub.

HOLY WATER AVAILABLE: Feel free to take Holy Water home with you. Simply bring a bottle and fill it at the Holy Water station on the left side of the church, beside the All Souls’ Altar. May it be a blessing for you and your home.

PARISH OFFICE: Next week the Parish office will be open Thursday and Friday, 30 and 31 October and closed on Wednesday, 29 October.

BEHOLD AND RESOUND WORKSHOP: The Behold & Resound (BAR) workshop for the Eastern Deanery will be held on Saturday, 6 December 2025, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM at Moruya Parish, 36 Queen Street. Open to all, especially musicians, choir members, and liturgy teams, the workshop focuses on liturgical planning, music in worship, and enriching the parish liturgical space. RSVP by 1 December. Free to attend. See the poster at the back of the church.

ST MARY’S MISSION MASS AND MARKET:



On Friday, 31 October, St Mary’s Primary will be animating our 9:15am Mass, followed by their popular Mission Market stalls. Each year level will host a stall selling creative, handmade items to raise funds for those in need, and our Year 6 leaders will run fun sports activities throughout the morning. This annual event is a joyful celebration of community spirit, student leadership, and compassion. Families and parishioners are warmly invited to join the festivities.

Recently Deceased: Sam Mifsud, Emily Jokinen, Christopher Campbell, John Brown.
Those who are sick and housebound: For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners, Gerry and Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuyse, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hahn and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Viola Collaran, Sylvia Heffernan, Leo Kop, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery, John Heffernan, Graham Beer and Mark Chatto.

NOTICES

ALL SOUL’S DAY– PICTURES OF LOVED ONES

As we approach All Souls’ Day, we invite you to bring a photo of a deceased loved one to place on the All-Souls’ Altar, For our All Soul’s Day Masses. These photos will remain on the altar during our Masses as we pray for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed.

The Masses are offered for all the Faithful Departed and especially for those whose pictures are present.

“May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

LEAVING A GIFT TO THE PARISH: Consider leaving a bequest to support the ongoing mission of our parish. Any gift, large or small, is deeply appreciated. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

ARCHBISHOP’S DAY OF TEACHING FOR THE RENEWAL: Saturday 8th November. Join us at St Peter Chanel’s, Yarralumla, 8:30 am–4 pm for talks, praise & worship, Mass, healing prayer, and fellowship. Free morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch. (Collection taken.)

SYNODAL SNAPS

Each week we will be including short snippets about Synodality provided by the Archdiocesan Synodal Evangelisation Team.

Forgive and Be Forgiven

A synodal Church is built on forgiveness. We are called to forgive one another and also to ask forgiveness when we fall short. Mercy strengthens our community.

Reflection: Who do I need to forgive, and where do I need to seek forgiveness?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to forgive as You forgive me.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Direct Debit and Tap N Go are available. Thank you for your generosity. If possible, consider donating to the 1st and 2nd collections via direct debit.

1ST COLLECTION – *Supports Arch. Clergy*

Direct Debit (include “Sacred Heart Parish”):

BSB: 062-786 | **Account:** 000029248 | **Reference:** Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya & Surname

2ND COLLECTION – *Supports the Parish*

Direct Debit / Bank Deposit:

BSB: 062-786 | **Account:** 000014984 | **Reference:** Planned Giving # & Surname (current givers) or “Donation” (new givers)

MORUYA ROSTERS

Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	25th/26th October	1st/2nd November	25th/26th October	1st/2nd November	27 October	3 November
SAT 5pm	J. Heffernan C.Palise	M. Croese S. Heffernan	T. Cahill	F. Levi	G. Campbell L. O’Connor	R. Parnell C. Gandy
SUN 10.am	B. Gillett P. Pollock	R. Zammit G.Strahlendorf	J. Morris	G. Campbell		

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: At Sacred Heart Parish, we’re deeply committed to creating a safe, respectful, and caring environment for all children and vulnerable people. We believe everyone deserves to be heard, valued, and protected—and we work together with families to make sure their voices are always part of the conversation.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns by contacting Father Josh or the Parish Office. For matters specifically related to safeguarding, please reach out to our Parish Safeguarding Officers—Pauline Parnell, Louise Strahlendorf, or Peter Hoban—via email at moruya.safeguarding@cg.org.au. Additionally, you may contact Maria Hicks, Manager of the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or by phone on 02 6239 9806.