

## NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to the Hanson family as their son Zard is Baptised this Sunday Please keep their family in your prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST 2024:** First Holy Communion preparation dates:

- **Tuesday, 30 July Parent Information Session** Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm
- **Saturday, 17 August Commitment Mass** for children to attend 5pm or **Sunday, 18 August 10am**
- **Wednesday, 28 August Year 4 Sacramental Retreat Day**, Carroll College
- **Sunday, 15 September Sacrament of First Eucharist, SHC 10am**



**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to the Tuross Head parishioners who have very kindly donated 20 of these pillows to the church for the comfort of Moruya parishioners.



**BIRTHDAY:** Happy Birthday to Kathryn Murray on 27 July!

**INVITATION:** You are invited to attend a **morning session** at St Bernard's Church Meeting Room, 2 David Avenue, Batehaven on Monday, August 19 9-15am for 9-30am start- 12 noon. **TOPIC:** 'I hear but do I really listen!' **GUEST SPEAKER:** Patrick Fleming, Clinical Psychologist. **Cost:** Free - BYO Shared Morning Tea. **This session is suitable for** Pastoral Carers, Volunteers, Carers, Parents & Grandparents . Bookings are essential; please **RSVP** by Monday, August 12 to Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057 call or text.

## NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

### **TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC AND POLICIAL LIFE: 7AUGUST, 6PM:**

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us on in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)**



**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Join us for the Women's Breakfast with Dr Helen Alvare on **Thursday, 8 August**. In a relaxed conversation style, we will explore meaningful connections in marriage, family, career, mission, and community-building. 7:00am for 7:30am - 9:00 Canberra Room Hyatt. Tickets: \$30 - Students \$25. Purchase online at [www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/](http://www.tfo.org.au/women-breakfast/)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES:** Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: Tuesday, 13 August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *Engaged Encounter* - Sydney, Saturday, 17 & Sunday 18 August. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

### **A Gift to your Church in Your Will**



Making a gift to the Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya is a meaningful gift and legacy to your faith community, a gift that will be remembered forever... To make a bequest, you should consult your solicitor or trustee company. It may be sufficient to make an addition or amendment to an existing will by adding a codicil. If you would like to assist your Parish for its upkeep and maintenance, by making a bequest, we recommend the following clause: "I give, devise and

bequeath [the sum of...] OR [my property known as...] OR [...% of my estate] free of all duties and taxes to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Church, Moruya (ABN 23357238651) to be applied as the trustees see fit at the time and I declare that a receipt for the same signed by the Trustees of Sacred Heart Parish, shall be sufficient to discharge from my Executor." **For further information, please email the Parish Office [moruya@cg.org.au](mailto:moruya@cg.org.au) or phone the Parish Office 4474 2024.**

# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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### **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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B - 27 & 28 July 2024

## Multiplication of the Loaves

### World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

*"Do not cast me off in my old age" (Psalm 71:9)*

Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. Miracles can happen through our hands, when we collect and distribute to the needy the food destined for all by our generous God. Today's readings also remind us that if we have been blessed with an abundance of earthly bread or with the technical capabilities to produce such an abundance, then these gifts are for sharing with the hungry. When physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers—for love, mercy, forgiveness companionship, peace and fulfilment.



**The first reading tells us how the prophet Elisha, by evoking God's power, fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves. This miracle foreshadowed the gospel account of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the crowd who followed him to hear his words. Today's Psalm tells us "The hand of the Lord feeds us; God answers all our needs."**

In the **second reading**, St Paul reminds the Ephesians how Jesus united the Jews and the Gentiles, bringing them together as Christians in *one faith and one baptism*. Hence, he advises them to keep this unity intact as *one body and one spirit* by living as true Christians "bearing with one another through love," in humility, gentleness, patience and peace. If we become such a community nobody will go hungry and God will meet the needs of people through the services provided by members of our community. The miraculous feeding of the five thousand people by Jesus, with five barley loaves and two fish, described in today's **gospel**, is associated in Church tradition with the Holy Eucharist. John's version of the miracle clearly heightens the Eucharistic allusions when we read it along with the miraculous feeding of 100 men by the prophet Elisha to today's **first reading**. But unlike Elisha, Jesus himself assumed the divine role, feeding the people with eschatological plenty. The reaction of the people was immediate and unanimous; they interpreted the miracle as a messianic sign and gave Jesus two Messianic titles: "The Prophet" and he "who is to come." The miracle teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. Elisha's servant and Jesus' disciples distributed the bread, provided by God. It means that God meets the needs of the people through the services provided by the members of the community.

**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 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel John 6:1-15

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**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) "You give them something to eat".** The gospel teaches that Jesus meets the most basic human need, hunger, with generosity and compassion. Today's readings also tell us that God really cares about His people and that there is enough and more than enough for everybody. Studies show that the world today produces enough food grains to provide every human being on the planet with 3,600 calories a day, not counting such foods as tuber crops, vegetables, beans, nuts, fruits, meats and fish. Over the past twenty years, good production has exceeded world population growth by about 16%. This means that there is no good reason for any human being in today's world to go hungry. But even in a rich country like the USA, one child out of five grows up in poverty, three million people are homeless and 4000 unborn babies are aborted every day. "The problem in feeding the world's hungry population lies with or political lack of will, our economic system biased in favour of affluent, our militarism, and our tendency to blame the victims of social tragedies such as famine. We all share responsibility for the fact that populations are undernourished. Therefore, it is necessary to arouse a sense of responsibility in individuals, especially among those more blessed with this world's goods." (Pope John XXIII, Mater et Magistra (1961) 157-58.

**2) We need to commit ourselves to share with others, and to work with God in communicating His compassion.** It is too easy to blame God, too easy to blame governments, too easy to see these things as other people's problems. They are also our problems. That is the meaning of the Eucharist we celebrate here today. In other words, as Christians we need to commit ourselves to share what we have with others, and to work with God in Communicating this compassion to all. God is a caring Father and He wants our co-operation to be part of His caring for all of us, His children. That's what the early Christians did, generously sharing what they had with the needy. They were convinced that everything they needed to experience a fulfilling life was already there, in the gifts and talents of the people around them. People of our time have to be encouraged to share, even when they think they have nothing to offer. Whatever we offer through Jesus will have a life-giving effect in those who receive it.

**3) God blesses those who share their talents, with loving commitment.** This is illustrated by Mother Teresa who went to serve the slum dwellers of Calcutta with just twenty cents in her pocket. When she died forty-nine years later, God had turned those original twenty cents into eighty schools, three hundred mobile dispensaries, seventy leprosy clinics, thirty homes for the dying, thirty homes for abandoned children and forty thousand volunteers from all over the world to help her. We can begin our own humble efforts at "sharing" right in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by organisations like the St Vincent de Paul Society, and so many other volunteer groups. We may say, "I do not have enough money or talent to make any difference". But we need to remember that the small boy in the story had only five loaves of bread and two fish. The Bible guarantees that every believer has at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. This is our one "tiny fish". Perhaps "our fish" is not money, but it is the talent or an ability that God gave us. We all have something. If you have never trusted God with your time, or your talent, or your treasure ... all your resources ... this is the time to start. Let us offer ourselves and whatever we have to God saying, "Here is what I have Lord; use it." And He will bless it and amplify it beyond our expectations. When we give what we have to God, and we ask Him to bless it, it is then the miracle happens. We, too, can perform wonders in our own time and place, by practicing the four "Eucharistic verbs" of Jesus: Take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break from our own needs and interests for the sake of others, give with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much.

## NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

**PRAYERS FOR THE 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 Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysen, 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, Viola Collaran, Sandy Spellacy, John Munce, Sylvia and Cletus Heffernan.

**If we give what we have to Jesus, he can multiply it beyond our greatest expectations.**