





You are invited!

Sacred Heart Spring BBQ

Dear Parishioners

We warmly invite you to our Parish BBQ.

We will be having a Parish gathering with sausages, salads and dessert to celebrate our beautiful Parish community together with First Holy Communion children 2023.

When - Saturday 4th November

Where - Parish garden

Time - after 5.00pm Vigil Mass

RSVP – 3/11/2023

Please email the Parish Office:
moruya@cg.org.au or leave your name on the sheet in the Church foyer

BYO drinks

1st November: All Saints Day

We all need people to look up to; people whose lives embody the ideals we hold important and strive to emulate. Every form of human community has heroes. In Australian society, football stars are an obvious example. The Country confers special ‘honours’ and ‘awards’ to those men and women for their outstanding achievements in society. The Church community too, is full of heroes and heroines. From the earliest days, it honoured the Apostles even to the point of death. From generation to generation, the Church has continued to add to this list particular men and women, holding them up as examples of what it means to live a Christ-like life, so that we can learn from them and imitate their qualities.



2nd November: All Souls Day

This is a day especially set apart that we remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone to their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification. From time immemorial, people of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul, and have prayed for the dead. November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord’s prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope’s intentions.

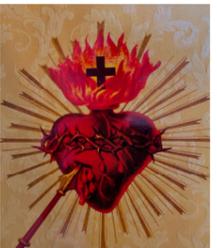


Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - October 28 & 29 2023

“Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

Jesus gave a straightforward answer, quoting directly from the Law itself and startling his listeners with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. He cited the first sentence of the Jewish Shema prayer .. “Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength”. Then He added its complimentary law: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”. Then He declared that the “whole law and the prophets” depended on the commands to love God “with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind” and “your neighbour as yourself”. Jesus actually combined the originally separate commandments and presented them as the essence of true religion. The uniqueness of Jesus’ response consisted in the fact that he understood the two laws as having equal value or importance. We are to love our neighbour and our self as a way to love God: God gives us our neighbours to love so that we may learn to love Him. Thus, Jesus proclaims that true religion loves God both directly and as living in our neighbour. Biblical love of God is responsive gratitude for, and remembrance of, what God has done for us, rather than an independent project we undertake for God.



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.

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.

Mass for All Souls—Thursday, 2 November 5pm

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how

we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to love God: Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength means that we should place God’s will ahead of ours, seek the Lord’s will in all things and make it paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God’s commandments and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible, and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions.

2) We need to love our neighbour: God’s will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in our neighbour. Since every human being is the child of God and dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbour as Jesus loves him or her. This means we have to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone, without discrimination based on colour, race, gender, age, wealth or social status. Forgiveness too is vital. We love others by not holding a grudge against a wrong done to us. Even a rebuke can be an act of love if it is done with the right heart. We also express love through encouragement by helping the other to grow. We express agape love by meeting a need that God has given us the power to meet, by comforting each other, by teaching each other and by sharing the gospel, in deeds and in words.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Annette and John Nader, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Leo Kop, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave and Brian Fee.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Emily Chatto who celebrated her 6th Birthday during the week and to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS whose Birthday is on 31 October.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Deacon Paul and Josephine Rummery will be celebrating 57 years of marriage this Sunday 29 October. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Next week the Parish Office will be open on Tuesday, 31 October and Wednesday, 1 November and **closed Friday, 3 November.**

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to all who kindly put their names down for Ministry assistance last weekend. We had a fantastic response and John Munce will be in touch shortly. Thank you again!

SAVE THE DATE: On **Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 November**, Sacred Heart will be hosting special guest speaker, Brian Welsh from the Outreach Ministry of St Benedict’s Mission Centre, Narrabundah, ACT. More details will be in next week’s Parish Bulletin.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next Tuesday, 31 October after 5pm Mass, Jan Morris will be hosting The Chosen at 12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya.

NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP’S TEACHING DAY: “*Come Holy Spirit!*” You are warmly invited to the Archbishop’s Teaching Day for Charismatic Renewal on Saturday 4 November from 8:30am to 2pm at Haydon Hall, Franklin Street, Manuka ACT. Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Lalith Perera (founder of Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka). Holy Mass, worship, preaching, prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register, <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486>. For more information call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082.

MISSION SUNDAY—THANK YOU: Catholic Mission thanks the parish and all who contributed to the Mission Sunday Appeal last week. Your donations will provide much needed support to missionaries, particularly the Salesian sisters in Timor-Leste. Please bring back your envelopes by next week, if possible.