

Remember

O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00 pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 5:15-5:45pm before Mass

Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am

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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

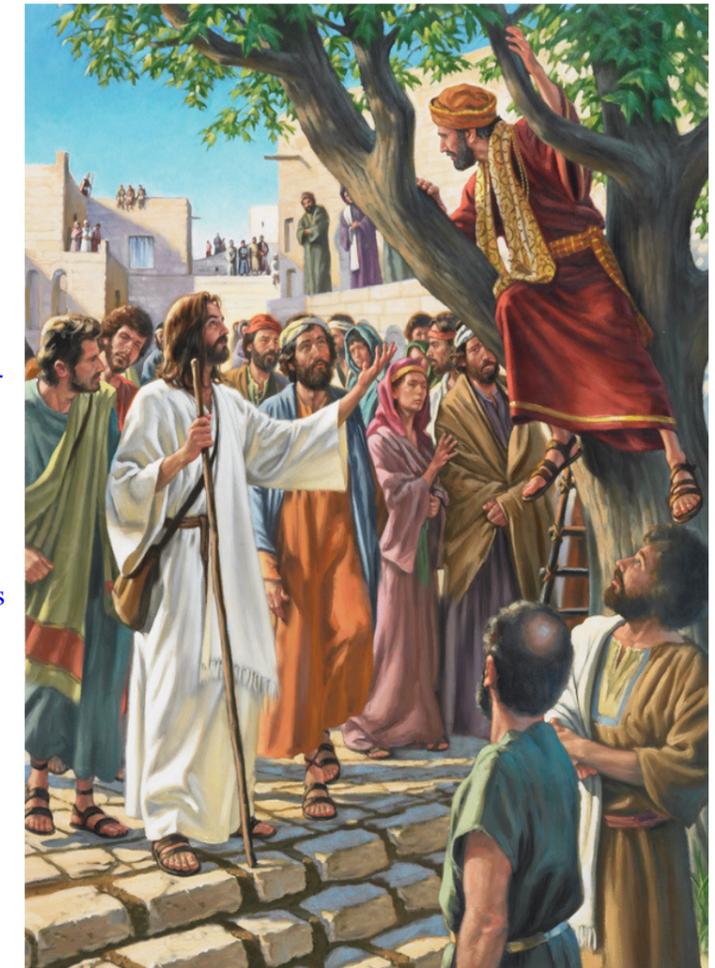
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October 29 & 30 2022

The Story of the conversion of Zacchaeus

“Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today”

The common theme of **today's readings** is the benevolent and forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. The **first reading** reminds us that God who created the universe with His wise and loving concern waits with the same concern for sinners to repent. He “rebukes the offenders little by little” “warns them of their sins” and reminds them to “abandon their wickedness”. The **reading** focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin and gives time for repentance. In the **second reading**, St Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the ‘second coming’ of Christ in their lifetime. Today’s **gospel** presents the beautiful story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax collector Zacchaeus. The account describes how Jesus recognised Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Saviour, and how God’s grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution. The episode emphasises the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person’s fully receiving love, acceptance and grace of a merciful Lord.



Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:

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.

‘DYING TO KNOW ... ‘: This seminar will provide information to help us to be more aware of end of life issues, for personal reflection and planning for yourself or a loved one for anyone who may be journeying with a loved one/friend as a Pastoral Carer and/or Carer. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** by Tuesday, 1 November. RSVP to Marie Weatherall: 0405 028 057 or email: mariet51@bigpond.com. Please email your full name and phone or mobile no for the registration list. Date: Monday 7 November 2022. Time: 9:15am Registration for 9:30am start – 12 noon. Venue: St Bernard’s Church Meeting Room. Facilitator: Teresa Hamer, ex-Funeral Director – Cost: free – BYO shared morning tea.

ARCHBISHOP’S DAY OF TEACHING: "Archbishop's Day of Teaching" - **Saturday, 12 November 2022** at St Peter Chancels Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>. Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326

MORNING TEA: All are very welcome to come along for Morning Tea after 10am Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery.

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed the opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.



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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

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

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week

1) Accept the divine invitation for repentance. To refuse to admit that we are sinners is a fundamental impediment to the working of the mercy and grace of God in our hearts. A second and more common impediment is to refuse to listen to the call to repentance, which God so frequently sends out to us. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today by means of this gospel lesson. Jesus is our loving brother who died that we might live. He is the Son of God, a God of infinite love. Hence, let us expose and confess to him all our weaknesses and injustices. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and faith, resentments and lusts. He will put us back on the straight road to heaven. We will become again true "sons and daughters of Abraham".

2) Love others as Jesus loves us in spite of our sins. Jesus loved Zacchaeus—the greatest of sinners—and by that love, Zacchaeus was transformed. How many parents and teachers can lovingly accept children without first setting up standards of behaviour as conditions for being loved? Sometimes we have the temptation to withhold love from people we consider sinners. For example, a husband and wife may have qualities that grate on each other, prompting one spouse to withhold love from the other. There may be a temptation to withhold one's love from a rebellious teenager. Perhaps our children make choices that disappoint us, and we become so frustrated by the consequences of their poor choices that we withhold our love from them. Our boss may be unlovable and autocratic, or our neighbour may become an object of hatred because of his incessantly barking dog. But just as Jesus loved Zacchaeus even though he was the worst of sinners, so we must love others in spite of their sins. Jesus expects this of us.

3) How would we respond to Jesus' demand "I must stay at your house today?" How would we react to such an invitation? Would we be ready to welcome Jesus into our home? Indeed, Jesus has visited the homes of each and every one of us. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have received the indwelling Spirit of Christ within us. Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we receive the Divine Presence of the Lord. Besides, "If we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us" (1 Jn 4:13). Hence, let us be thankful to the Lord for coming to us. If we allow Jesus to enter into our lives, our lives will change. Grace is the driving power behind this transformation. As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray for all of us who do not yet have the indwelling of the Lord God in our homes and lives. Let us ask the Lord to reach out to us all as he reached out to Zacchaeus. The result will be repentance, transformation, sanctification and salvation.

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 Broekhuysse, 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 and Peter Collins, Taine Woodford and Jaijing Greenwood.

THANK YOU: Sincere thanks to Frs Rex Curry and Alex Osbourne for stepping in during Fr Eden's absence. Fr Eden returns from leave on Tuesday, 1 November. For **emergencies only**, please contact **Fr Tom Thornton 0408 623 303**. Thank you to Fr Tom for being 'on call' during this time.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: The office will be closed on Friday, 4 November. Office hours next week will be Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to **Andy McCosker** who celebrates his special day on 28 October. **Josephine Rummery** is celebrating her milestone **80th Birthday** on 7 November. Deacon Paul has organised a gathering on **Sunday, 6 November** at 29 Beach Street, Tuross from 2pm. Please feel free to pop in and bring a plate to share and congratulate Jo on this momentous occasion. Deacon Paul can be contacted on 0427 447 381 for more information.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery who celebrate 56 years of wedded bliss this weekend on 29 October. We wish you both many more happy years together!

ART FOR LEISURE: Art for Leisure artists are working hard creating their masterpieces for the mini Art Exhibition scheduled for **20 November**. The pieces will be exhibited prior to the sale on **Sunday, 13 November**. 20% off the purchase price goes to the Parish.

TEST & TAG: Please advise the office if you are an electrician willing to provide a quote to test and tag appliances in the Church and Presbytery: moruya@cg.org.au or phone 4474 2024.