

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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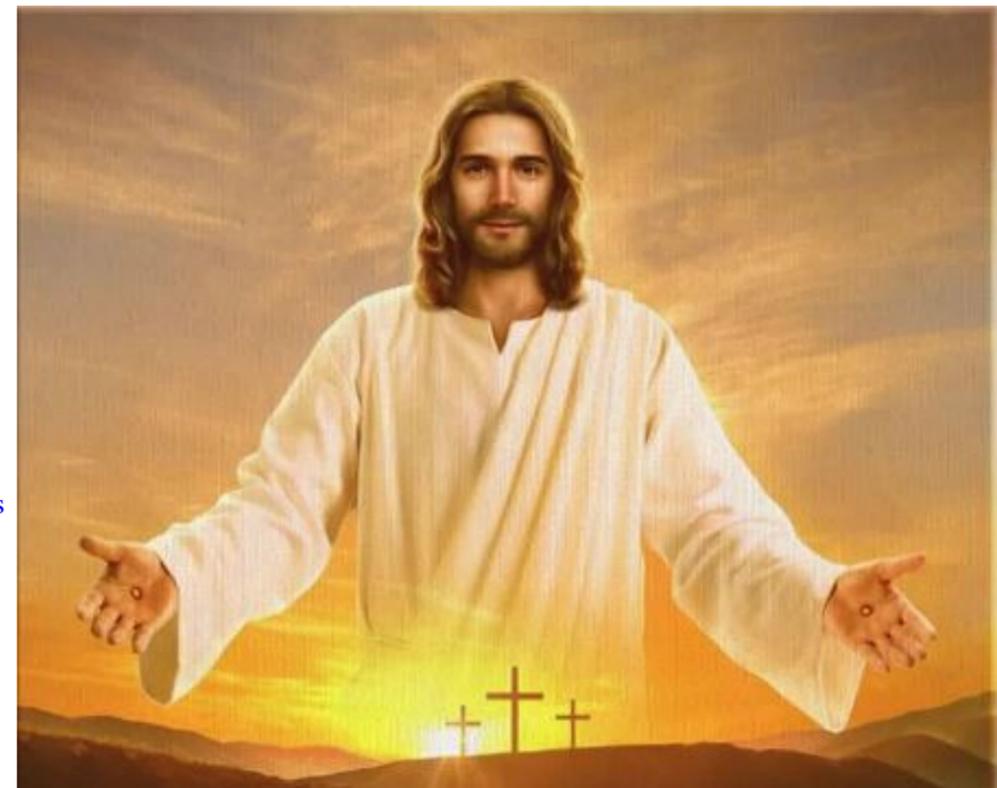
Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am
 Tue: 5:30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass
 5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass
Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass
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5th Sunday of Easter - YEAR A - May 6 & 7 2023

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive in the Christian community by transforming the early Church as a serving and worshipping community (Acts 6:17), as a spiritual edifice built of "living stones" of believers upon the "living Corner Stone of Christ" (1 Pet 2:4-5) and as the Father's house (John 14:1-12).

Today's **gospel** gives the image of the Church as a Church in glory in the Father's house. It also reminds us of the great truth that Jesus is the Way to God, that he is the Truth of God and in him is God's own Life. Today's **readings** demand from us real faith not only in God the Father but also in Jesus precisely because he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14-16). "You have faith in God; have faith also in me" (John 14:1).



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.

RETREAT - 'THE MYSTICS': Search and you will find ... called to be everyday mystics. Venue: St Joseph's Convent Chapel, David Avenue, Batemans Bay. Date: **Tuesday, 16 May 9:45am** for a 10am start-2pm. Facilitators: Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall. Morning tea will be provided. Please BYO shared Pot Luck Lunch. A gold coin donation is requested to cover the cost of the venue and bookings are essential by **9 May** to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057.

25TH RELIGIOUS PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY: Thank you to all Parishioners who attended and celebrated with Fr Anthony on Tuesday evening. Thank you also for your very kind generosity in providing the sumptuous banquet which was enjoyed by all. In lieu of gifts, Fr Anthony requests cash gifts to be donated for the education of Seminarians in the Philippines. Westpac Acct Name: Anthony Consulta Riosa, BSB: 732-778 Acc: 839361. Thank you for your generous support.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF MARY MACKILLOP

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE:

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry will be visited. If you have any questions and would like an itinerary and application form, please contact Sr Annie Bond at: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone Sr Anne on 89124818.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.’ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

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 said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father’s house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

‘I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Know Jesus intimately: Jesus asked Philip: “Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me? He is asking us the same question: “Have I been with you all this time in the Mass, in the sacraments and in the Bible and you still do not know me? If we really believe that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive his memory. Jesus asked us to keep alive his memory by reading and praying the scriptures, by gathering in Jesus’ name and celebrating the Eucharist “in memory of me”, by handing on the great tradition of Christ faith and by living according to his wise teachings. Jesus says “If you believe in me, you will do the work I do”. This is the work he is talking about: creating safe, secure, happy places for one another in which the really important work of life—transformation and big-family building—can happen. We can help one another get a life in the same way Jesus did—by recognising the powerful effect we have on one another, for good or ill, and by consciously deciding to make even our smallest choices add up into safe, secure, happy spaces where every member of our big family can grow whole.

2) Possess Jesus the Life. We share the divine life of God by making use of the means Jesus established in his Church a) by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Communion. b) by the worthy reception of the other sacraments c) by the meditative and daily communicating with God the source of life, in personal and family prayers.

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, 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, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard Carroll, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Emma Spinks, John Mehl, Therese Masserot and Jenny Hopkins.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Sophia Mataczynna who receives the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.

PPC: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next week on Wednesday, 10 May. If you have any issues you would like raised, please email the Parish Office: moruya@cg.org.au by cob Tuesday, 9 May.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment emails will be sent out on 11 May. Commitment Masses will be on the weekend of 20-21 May with the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, 25 June at 10am Mass.** The contact at St Mary’s is Genevieve Schofield. For enrolment details, please email Gen: genevieve.schofield@cg.catholic.edu.au. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.