

Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend either of our Caring Group's Christmas Parties.

Tuross Head: Thursday 2nd December, 2021.
12 noon at the Tuross Club.
As always we purchase our own meals and drinks.

Moruya: Friday 3rd December, 2021.
11am at Café Vulcan.

Please advise us if you are attending.

Tuross: 0497 315 534.
Moruya: 0431 354 993

Bring your friends. All welcome.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Graham and Norma Beer celebrate their **63rd Wedding Anniversary** on 7 November. Congratulations Graham and Norma!

WALKING TOGETHER ADVENT PROGRAM: Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21st November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au or call 0429 192 869.



ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE: The next event for women of the archdiocese is a reflection afternoon on 6 November from 3-4pm. Once again, we are using Zoom to enable wider participation. The session *Widening Our Gaze: fostering compassion and courage* is an interactive session exploring how times of crisis shape us individually and as community and how we might contribute and respond with compassion. For 2022 please **CLAIM THE DATE 4 March** as the date for Dinner at the Southern Cross Club. To register for this event, the Parish contact is Susie McCosker 0426 820 860.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: You are welcome to offer Mass for the Holy Souls using the envelopes provided in the Church foyer.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be through prayer, a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. Your kindness helps to ensure that many vulnerable women like Churai* will continue to receive care and support through the Mother and Babies Home in Bangkok, so that they can build a brighter future for themselves and their precious babies.



FOR WE **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Priest: Fr George Azhakath msfs
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Parish Office hours: Wed. and Fri. 9am—2pm
Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am
Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am
Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm
Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee 4471 5600
Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993
Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45am



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B - November 6 & 7 2021

Jesus appreciates the widow's mite

God measures us on the basis of our inner motives and intentions hidden behind our actions

Today's readings invite us to make a total commitment to God's service with a humble and generous heart free from pride and prejudice.

The first reading and the gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, symbolising the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving his life for others. In the reading from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow, who had barely enough food for herself and her son, welcomed the prophet Elijah as a man of God, shared her food with him and received her reward in the form of a non-stop supply of food during the famine.

Today's psalm is the first in the final group of Hallel psalms. Here the psalmist praises God for His loving-kindness toward the needy, including widows.

In the gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honour sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering made by a poor widow and declares that she has found true honour in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the gospel gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God. Here Jesus contrasts the scribes, who carefully cultivated their reputation for holiness while hiding dishonest and profitable dealings, with a poor widow, who really was holy, a positive model of humble generosity and the true religious spirit. In contrast to the external signs of honour sought by the scribes, the widow found true honour in God's eyes. The second reading tells us how Jesus, as the High Priest of the New Testament, surrendered his life to God his Father totally and unconditionally, as a sacrificial offering for our sins—a sacrifice far beyond the sacrifices made by the poor widows.



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 1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in

the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:38-44

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to appreciate the widows of our parish: Widows (and widowers), in addition to their deep grief, often suffer from economic loss, from the burden of rearing a family alone. They frequently become isolated from their former friends who promised their support lavishly at the funeral. Hence, let us learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish community. Their loneliness draws them closer to God and to stewardship in the parish. They are often the active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in the parish organisations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the shut-ins. Hence let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them and pray for them.

2) We need to accept Christ's criteria for judging people: We often judge people's value or worth by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, their educational qualifications, and their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to God's holy will. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our wallets.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Cath Hulse, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton and Rod McDonald.

PPC UPDATE: The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, 27 October. This was the first time since July due to Covid restrictions. The draft PPC Plan is progressing and will be published shortly. Christmas planning was discussed and updated rosters will be distributed when finalised. We will be seeking volunteers to assist with the logistics of the Nativity set up and also volunteers to fill the rosters for the Christmas services, eg ushers and readers. Further details will be forthcoming.

SACRED HEART LEAGUE: Members are requested to return to the weekly Friday Mass & Adoration as the Covid-19 restrictions are eased. May I also invite many more Parishioners to join Mass & Adoration.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 22 Children are preparing for their First Holy Communion next Sunday, 14 November. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

2021 CATECHIST RETREAT: Inviting all Catechists and those involved in any Childrens Ministry to a **Morning Retreat with Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Saturday, 27 November, 9:45-1:00pm** at Cobargo School of the Arts Hall, 20 Cobargo Bermagui Road, Cobargo * concluding with Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish at 12pm. This is a free event and participants for this event need to be fully vaccinated. More info: catechists@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 982

MENALIVE KICKSTART ZOOM MEETING: Australian Catholics Bishops Conference, in association with menALIVE are really pleased to announce **Kickstart**, which will be facilitated by menALIVE for the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. **Kickstart** will be hosted online by Peter Gabauer and Colin Bennett and the menALIVE leaders from the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. **Kickstart** will run on **Monday evenings 8th, 15th November from 7:30 - 8:30pm**. Sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men to come together to engage with the theme **'Brothers, what must we do?'** hosted by Robert Falzon and Jude Hennesy of Wollongong. **MenAlive Zoom** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Kickstart ACT - menALIVE Zoom Meeting Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Remaining dates: Monday Nov, 8th Nov, 15th . Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404429124> Contact: Tim Cahill 0428288927 timjcahill@gmail.com

SAILS FOR THE GARDEN SETTING: The quote for the sails to cover the garden table setting is \$6,600. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the sails, or to contribute partially towards the cost, donations are welcome. **If no donations are received, we may need to hold off on this project until next year.** Account Name: Sacred Heart Moruya, BSB: 062-786, Account No: 000014984. Thank you.