

# October And The Rosary

The Month Of The Holy Rosary

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The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.

**PUBLIC ROSARY:** On Saturday, 14 October a Public Rosary is being held at 11am at the Rotunda, Russmartin Park, Moruya. Everyone is most welcome, and for further details please call Michael Irwin on 0478 227 979.

## NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**CATHOLIC MISSION—MISSION SUNDAY:** In two weeks time (22 October 2023) it will be Mission Sunday, when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world. Catholic Mission will be holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work. This year, there is a particular focus on the work of the Salesian Sisters who operate a health clinic and vocational school in Venilale in Timor-Leste. Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations.

### **MARIAN PROCESSION 2023:**

Over many decades, the Marian Procession has gathered tens of thousands of Catholics from across the Archdiocese and beyond.

In this Year of the Holy Spirit, we are gathering to pray and celebrate as an Archdiocese, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Together, we will Celebrate the Eucharist, offer the Sacrament of Penance, pray the Rosary and be inspired by stories from across our community. This is a multicultural family day of prayer and festivities, where local Parishes, ethnic and ecclesial communities, clergy and religious take time to enjoy one another and journey with Mary to Jesus.



# Marian

## PROCESSION

2023

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 22

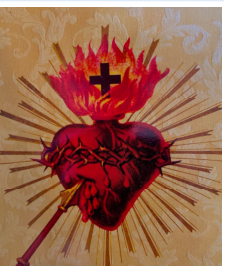
The restored and rededicated  
STS PETER & PAUL OLD  
CATHEDRAL, GOULBURN

10.00AM | MORNING TEA  
10.30AM | CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR + CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
10.30AM - 11:45AM | PENANCE  
12.00PM | MASS  
1.00PM | BBQ FUNDRAISER  
1.30PM | CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR  
2.00PM | ROSARY

# 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - October 7 & 8 2023

## The Fruits of the Kingdom

### He leased his Vineyard to other Farmers

The common theme of today's readings is the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life and the punishment for sterility and wickedness. In today's first reading, which is called Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard, the prophet describes God's care and expectations for His Chosen People. **God's chosen people had failed to bear fruit in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God.** Further, they had been poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: **"I expected my vineyard to yield good grapes, Why did it yield sour ones instead?"**

In the **responsorial psalm** the psalmist pleads with God to look down from heaven and to "take care of this vine" knowing that if any good is to come of it, it will be God's doing and not the people's.

In the **second reading**, Paul tells the Philippians about the high expectations he has for them and how they should be fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks and by practicing justice, purity and graciousness in their lives. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude, through a Parable, Jesus in today's **gospel** reminds Christians that since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the Kingdom in our lives.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**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 Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

### (R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

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**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**The metaphor of the vineyard**, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

**Have you thought? The benevolent landowner:** One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

## 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 and Janice Setter.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Next Tuesday, 10 October **there will be no 5pm Mass.**

**BODALLA AND IRT MORUYA MASS:** On Thursday, 12 October, Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla Church at 9am and at IRT Moruya at 11am.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office will be open Wednesday and Thursday, 11 and 12 October and **closed on Friday, 13 October.**

**VINNIES NEWS:** Thanks to the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parish we raised \$815.00 through the Frederick Ozanam Appeal. This money will go a long way in supporting those in need in our twinned Conference Parish in India. We are also very grateful to the parishioners who have been placing food items in the basket at the back of the church. This will be an ongoing project and for this reason we do not expect people to feel that they need to outlay a lot of money to purchase food items. One tin a month soon adds up and makes a big difference to the food available to the needy. God bless you all for your ongoing support.

**EVANGELISATION PROGRAM:** Next Tuesday, 10 October, Jan Morris will be hosting The Chosen at 12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya 5:30pm.