

## Feast of the Sacred Heart

Feast of the Sacred Heart is observed on 7 June. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (properly the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) is a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. It falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar since 1856.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus' physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. This devotion is predominantly used in the Catholic Church and among some high-church Anglicans and Lutherans. The devotion especially emphasises the unmitigated love, compassion and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

The Sacred Heart is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by the lance-wound, encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross and bleeding. Sometimes the image is shown within the bosom of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart.



**FEAST DAY OF THE SACRED HEART:** First celebrated in 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr Jean Eudes. 'The life story of Jesus as found in the Gospels is a story of a heart full of sympathy'. "And seeing the multitudes, he had compassion on them because they were distressed and lying like sheep that have no shepherd" (Matt.) How wonderfully he showed his sympathy and understanding towards discouraged sinners; towards the sorrowing widow of Naim; towards the children who flocked to him; his treatment of the woman taken in adultery; the repentant thief; the ashamed Peter; the parable of the Good Shepherd and the Prodigal son. No wonder people listened when he invited them "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest".

**MASS ON SATURDAY, 8 JUNE, 9:15AM - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:** In 1944 Pope Pius XII extended the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Universal Church. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is based on Scripture. In Luke's Gospel there are two references to the Heart of Mary: 'Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.' (Lk 2:19) and 'His mother meanwhile kept all these things in her heart.' (Lk 2:51). It was the heart of Mary which expressed her 'yes' to God.

## Novena to the Sacred Heart

**O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID:** "Ask, and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." Behold, I knock, I seek and I ask that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

**O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID:** "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you." Behold, in Thy Name, I ask the Father that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

**O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID:** "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away." Behold, encouraged by Thy infallible words, I ask that my prayers be granted. (Repeat your petition again)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

**O SACRED HEART OF JESUS,** for Whom one thing alone is impossible, namely, not to have compassion on those who are afflicted; have pity on us poor, miserable sinners, and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thine and our tender Mother.

Pray the *Hail, Holy Queen.*

# 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

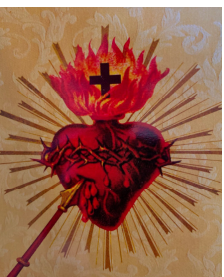
1st Saturday of the month @ Moruya 8:15am-9:00am

**Devotions:** Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** All Fridays after Mass

**Schools:** St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**The Lord says: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me; whoever believes in me, let him drink.**

**Streams of living water shall flow from within him**



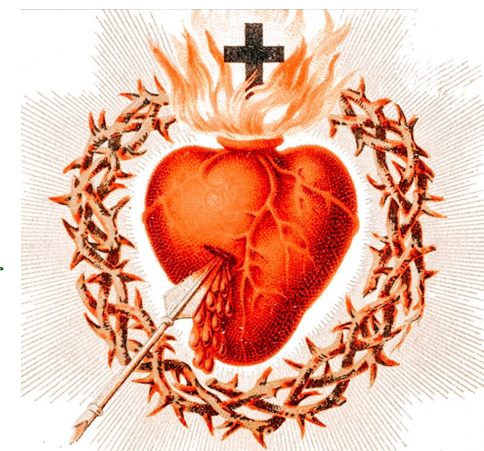
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the second popular Catholic devotion (the first being the Rosary), among Catholics. The infinite love and mercy of God is shown in many different metaphors and symbols like the Baby in the manger, the Good Shepherd, the Crucifix, the Sacred Heart, and the Divine Mercy Picture. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is based on the apparitions of Our Lord from 1673 to 1675 to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun of the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in France. The Gospel passage, 'They shall look on him whom they have pierced' (Jn 19:35-37) is at the foundation of the whole tradition of devotion to the Divine Heart. The practices of the "Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" in the home and in the consecration and dedication of the family to the Sacred Heart were begun by Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and later approved by the Popes.

Official and social recognition of the rule of Jesus over the Christian family is the purpose of the consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The "Holy Hour," the "Litany of the Sacred Heart", "The Act of Consecration of the Family and the Human Race to the Sacred Heart," the "First Friday Devotion" and the "Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus" are different forms of this devotion.

**An invitation for a heart transplant:** Our hearts become stony and insensitive through our daily exposure to acts of cruelty, terrorism, injustice and impurity. Hence God prescribes a change of heart through His prophet Ezekiel (Ez 11:19-20) to make our hearts soft, elastic, large and sensitive." *I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the stony heart from their bodies, and replace it with a natural heart.*" The Sacred Heart of Jesus should be the ideal heart for this medical procedure. "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." Let us have the heart of Jesus.

**An invitation to love:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus challenges us to love others as Jesus loved: selflessly, unconditionally and sacrificially, and to express this love in humble and loving service done to others.

**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 Hos 11:1. 3-4. 8-9

A reading from the prophet Hosea

Listen to the word of the Lord:

When Israel was a child I loved him,  
and I called my son out of Egypt.  
I myself taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them in my arms;  
yet they have not understood that I was the one  
looking after them.  
I led them with reins of kindness,  
with leading-strings of love.  
I was like someone who lifts an infant close against  
his cheek;  
stooping down to him I gave him his food.  
How could I treat you like Admah,  
or deal with you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils from it,  
my whole being trembles at the thought.  
I will not give rein to my fierce anger,  
I will not destroy Ephraim again,  
for I am God, not man:  
I am the Holy One in your midst  
and have no wish to destroy.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm Isa 12:2-6. R. v.3

**(R.) You will draw water joyfully from the springs  
of salvation.**

1. Truly God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
**(R.)**

## Second Reading Eph 3:8-12. 14-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, Paul, who am less than the least of all the saints,  
have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of  
proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of

Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be  
dispensed. Through all the ages, this has been kept  
hidden in God, the creator of everything. Why? So that  
the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now,  
through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom  
really is, exactly according to the plan which he had had  
from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we  
are bold enough to approach God in complete  
confidence, through our faith in him.

This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from  
whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its  
name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power  
through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and  
then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all  
the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the  
length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love  
of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled  
with the utter fullness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 19:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies  
remaining on the cross during the sabbath – since that  
sabbath was a day of special solemnity – the Jews asked  
Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away.  
Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the  
first man who had been crucified with him and then of  
the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was  
already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of  
the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and  
immediately there came out blood and water. This is the  
evidence of one who saw it – trustworthy evidence, and  
he knows he speaks the truth – and he gives it so that  
you may believe as well. Because all this happened to  
fulfil the words of scripture:

Not one bone of his will be broken;

and again, in another place scripture says:

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

**Communion Antiphon** Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of  
living water will flow from within the one who believes in me and at once there came forth blood and water.

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) We need to unload our burdens before the Lord:** One of the functions of Worship for many of us is  
to give us a time for rest and refreshment, when we let the overheated radiators of our hectic lives cool  
down before the Lord. This is especially true when we unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the  
altar and offer them to God during the Holy Mass. But whether we are in Church, alone in our quiet spot  
where we come before God each day, in our homes or in the homes of our friends and neighbours, we find  
that prayer and Christian fellowship bring us the rest and refreshment that we all need so much. There is  
nothing quite like coming to the Lord and setting aside our burdens for a while—nothing quite like having  
our batteries recharged, our radiators cooled down and our spirits lifted. Jesus promises rest from the  
burdens of sins, legalism and judgement, from the weight of anxiety and worry, from the yoke of  
unrewarding labour and from the endless labour for what which cannot satisfy. The absolution and  
forgiveness which we have received as repentant sinners take away our spiritual burden as well and enable  
us to share the joy of the Holy Spirit.

**2) We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens:** Life's greatest burden is not having too much to do,  
nor having too much to care about because some of the happiest folk are the busiest and those who care the  
most. Rather the greatest burden we have is our constant engagement with the trivial and the unimportant,  
with the temporary and the passing and the ultimately uncontrollable and unpredictable. The issue in life is  
not whether we shall be burdened but with what we shall be burdened. The question is not "Shall we be  
yoked?" but "To what and with whom shall we be yoked?" Jesus has no interest in unburdening us from  
our exaggerated self-esteem or from other modern infatuations which are themselves debilitating burdens  
so that we will have nothing to carry, no work to do. Instead, Jesus is interested in lifting off our backs the  
burdens that drain us and suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke, his  
burden, that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, new joy. God's incomparable,  
compassionate forgiveness is a gift that releases us into life with God as responsible human beings who  
want to grow deeper in love and joyful obedience. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and  
rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's  
refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands.

## NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

**EARLY PRIESTS IN THE MORUYA DISTRICT:** Kevin Setter, our authorised Parish representative  
for documentation of history, is at present compiling a History of Early Priests in the Moruya district,  
particularly from 1838-1968. In an attempt to fill in the missing ones, Kevin needs assistance from  
parishioners who may be able to provide a photo or a group photo of those priests who worked in Moruya  
from 1838-1968 which was at that time under Goulburn or Queanbeyan mission. If you think you may be  
able to assist, please take a copy of the list of priests provided in the church foyer and check your photo  
collections (of Baptisms, FHC, Confirmation, Weddings or any social gathering). If you do find one or a  
few, please call the Parish office or talk directly with Kevin. We will return your photographs in tact.  
Thank you for giving serious thoughts to this important matter and for your co-operation. Fr George

**BIRTHDAY:** A belated Happy Birthday to Ian Brown who celebrated his Birthday last week. We  
hope you had a lovely day with family and friends Ian.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to Dianne and Gerry Ebelaar on  
12 June. May you have many more happy years together.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be officiating at the Confirmations on  
**Sunday, 23 June** at the **special time of 10:30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

**MASS CHANGE:** 5pm Mass will not be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 June.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Can you please spare an hour or so to visit and comfort our sick and  
housebound parishioners? If so, please contact the office for details. Alternatively, if you know of  
someone in your neighbourhood or in the parish, who is unwell or lonely, please make a concerted effort  
to provide comfort and support to them. "*Our faith can move mountains*" Matthew 17:20

## NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE APPEAL:** Hundreds of people are  
displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New  
Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. **Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)**