

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9am—2pm

Mass Times:

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

No daily masses during October

1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

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

Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 8 & 9 2022

God desires gratitude from us

For the many blessings we receive from Him

The central theme of today's **readings** is the expression of gratitude expected from us. By describing the miraculous healing of the ten lepers from a physically devastating and socially isolating disease by Jesus, today's gospel presents a God who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and who feels pain at our ingratitude.

Naaman the Syrian military General in the **first reading** was not only an outcast because of his illness; he was also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank Prophet Elisha for the cure, and as a sign

of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. St Paul in the **second reading** advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings, and dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people.

Today's **gospel** story tells of a single gentile leper (a "Samaritan heretic") who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way under the false impression that healing was their right as God's chosen people. They did not seem indebted for the singular favour they had received. Instead, they hurried off to obtain a health certificate from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked the gentile leper. "Did only one come back to say 'thank you'?" Today's **readings** also remind us that faith and healing go hand in hand, as do faith and reconciliation. It was faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself in the waters of the Jordan River, and it was faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves to the priests. The **readings** also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples including the Samaritans whom the Israelites hated and the pagans, the enemies of Israel whom Naaman represented.

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon: When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Learn to be thankful to God and to others. Often we are ungrateful to God. Although we receive so much from Him, we often take it for granted without appreciating His gifts. We allow the negatives of our lives hide the blessings we have received, minor negatives like some health problems, financial worries, conflict with a neighbour or co-worker or spouse. Besides, we are often thankful only when we compare ourselves with less fortunate people. In times of need, we pray with desperate intensity; but as time passes we forget God. Many of us fail to offer a grace before meals or allot a few minutes of the day for family prayer. God gave us his only Son, but we seldom give Him a word of thanks. Often we are ungrateful to our parents and consider them a nuisance, although in the past we were dependent on them for literally everything. Similarly, we owe a great debt of gratitude to our friends, teachers, doctors, pastors—but we often fail to thank them. Hence, in the future, let us be filled with daily thanksgiving to God and to others for the countless gifts we have received. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others and to a loving God by radiating His love, mercy and compassion to others.

2) Celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme act of thanksgiving. The Greek word “Eucharist” means profoundly religious and thoroughly spiritual “thanksgiving”. Thanksgiving is the attitude we should take in worship. When we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for the great gift of His Son whose sacrifice forms us into the People of God. We thank God for the gift of the spirit, through which we bring the presence of the Lord to others. Saying thanks to God together with the parish community, sharing or time and talents and blessings in the Parish and sharing the heavenly bread of thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, are the least forms of thanksgiving we can do every Sunday in response to God’s blessings.

3) Let us realise the truth that we all need healing from our spiritual leprosy. Although we may not suffer from physical leprosy, we may suffer from “spiritual leprosy” of sins which makes us unclean. Jesus is our Saviour who wants to heal us from this leprosy of sin. Since Jesus is not afraid to touch our deepest impurities, let us not hide them. Just as the lepers cried out to Jesus for healing, let us also ask him to heal us from the spiritual leprosy of sins including impurity, injustice, hatred and prejudice.

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 Broekhuysen, 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 and Henry Anderson.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere condolences to David Gorzalka and family on the passing of Nita Gorzalka last Sunday. Nita's funeral will be held at St Bernard's, Batehaven on Tuesday, 11 October at 11am.

FR EDEN: Fr Eden is on leave until Tuesday, 1 November. Frs Rex Curry and Alex Osbourne are kindly conducting weekend Masses in his absence. For emergencies, please contact Fr Tom Thornton 0408 623 303.

OCTOBER MASS CHANGES: There will be no daily masses during October and Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 6pm this weekend: **8 October**.

ST VINNIES: A FREE BBQ: People from the Moruya community and parishioners are warmly invited every second Saturday of the month (Saturday, 8 October) at Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya 12pm-2pm. Weather permitting!

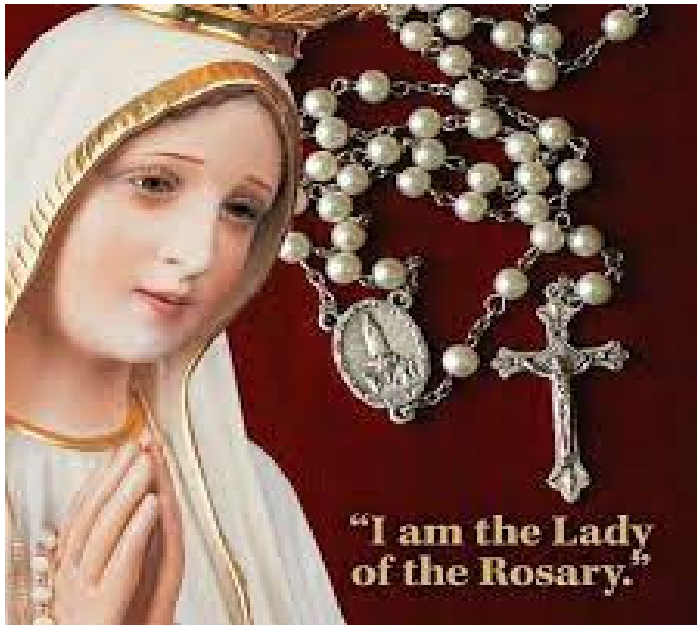
YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER EVANGELISE ONLINE CONFERENCE:

20-22 OCTOBER 2022—Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia’s most renowned Catholic speakers, ‘Evangelise’ will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. Participants will have the opportunity to gather in parish hubs or on their own individual device. Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au/>

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER MARIAN PROCESSION: Sunday October 23 2022

Begins at 11am

Join local parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious for a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities. Located on the scenic grounds of St Clements Retreat Centre in Galong, we will gather for Mass, to pray the rosary and be inspired by speakers. BYO lunch, enjoy a sausage sizzle or bring a plate to share. There will be faith-based activities for children and an opportunity to meet new and old friends within our Archdiocese as we journeying through Mary to Jesus. <https://bit.ly/MarianProcession2022>



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.

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY: On Saturday, 15 October, you are invited to join fellow parishioners to say Rosary at 11am at the Rotunda, Rusmartin Park, Moruya. For more information, please contact Michael Irwin 0478 227 979.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL: Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) who will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese:

Evangelising: spreading the good news of Jesus to all

Service: being instruments of mercy and responding to the needs of the poor

Promoting: human flourishing in a fulfilled creation

The Working Party, formed by Archbishop Christopher, is seeking your views, as parish and other communities and as individual members of the Church. Four questions have been framed to gather views that might be a single sentence or a more extensive response:

Why should the Archbishop constitute a Diocesan Pastoral Council?

In your view, what role might a Diocesan Pastoral Council play in the life of the Archdiocese?

To fulfil its synodal mission, a Pastoral Council should be both representative and skilled—what advice can you offer to the Archbishop about how best to achieve these goals?

Are there elements/issues that you believe the Summary or the full Report have missed that are important for the Archbishop to consider?

You may provide your views through your Parish Pastoral Council, through priests in your parish, or directly on this form (available in the church foyer) or via email: (workingparty@cg.org.au).

Please respond by 28 October.

Malnutrition is a challenge many families face in Ethiopia, especially those with babies and young children. In two weeks’ time, you will learn about Neela* and her son Ajani*, and how families like theirs can be supported through a new Church-run community program. This is an opportunity to partner with a life-giving mission program—your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can even begin. This is also a great way to commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ, as He has called us to be in Acts 1:8. * Name altered to protect privacy.

