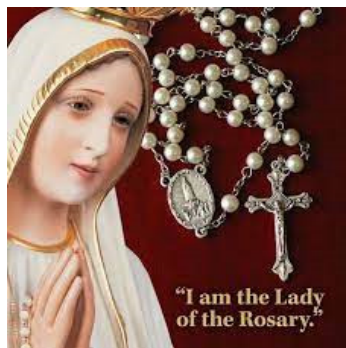


OCTOBER : MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:



ROSARY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:

While our Churches are closed, Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray via zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions.

TIME: Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp! *Archbishop Christopher will lead us in prayer)*

ZOOM DETAILS: click on the link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjIvdnpFd21aVDQzWnAydz09)

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Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app **Meeting ID:** 850 2245 8332 **Passcode:** 543675

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.

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher’s Cathedral Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY: The Plenary Council began on Sunday, October 3. To keep updated, visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed until **10 October**, including: Daily Masses; Morning prayer for Plenary Council members; and Sharing the fruits of discernment. Visit the [Plenary Council website](#) for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we “open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church.” You may wish to participate in the [Archdiocesan Plenary Novena](#). Key documents, including articles, images, infographics, and multimedia content, will be available via [Google Drive](#). You may wish to bookmark the link for easy access. In addition, each day during the Assembly, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members.

COVID PROTOCOLS: Beginning Monday 11 October 2021: Masks are mandatory, except children under 12. Gatherings are to observe the 4sqm rule. No singing. *Service NSW app* to be used for *COVID Safe Check-in*. Parish Offices Open. Mass only for those who are fully vaccinated. Weddings for those unvaccinated restricted to 5 guests, otherwise apply 4sqm rule. Funerals for those unvaccinated restricted to 10 people, otherwise apply 4sqm rule.

BODALLA MASS: This Thursday, 14 October at 9:15am.

PARISH GROUNDS: The Parish grounds are looking great! ... and some long awaited work being done.



Remember

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.

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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

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45am



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 9 & 10 2021

CELIBACY, VOWED CHASTITY AND MARRIAGE

“God’s word”, today’s **Second Reading** reminds us, “is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.” This means that the Bible as read within the Church—the Scriptures and tradition—not only represents perfection and fullness of truth, but is also dynamic, incomparably challenging and efficacious of faith. How unsophisticated it is to suppose that *ultimate* wisdom can more readily or more thoroughly be discovered elsewhere.



The Ten Commandments listed in today’s **Gospel**, constitute a rather obvious example of God’s wisdom, which in whole or in part, is either questions, rejected, or just ignored by the world. Take, however, the closing portion of today’s Gospel (long form); the portion in which Jesus tells us that anyone who gives up home and parents and children for his sake will be rewarded a hundredfold. This is one of many Biblical texts focusing on Jesus’ call to the life of celibacy or vowed commitment to chastity for his sake. It is a vocation which diocesan priests assume by virtue of their ordination, and which religious priests, sisters, monks and brothers embrace by vow.

Priestly celibacy or vowed chastity is understandable only in the light of the faith that God’s wisdom transcends ours. Jesus, remember, revealed celibacy or vowed chastity as a charism. In Matthew 19:11-12, we read that anyone who opts for this state of life for the sake of the Kingdom of God *can* possess it.

“The choice of celibacy”, wrote Pope Paul VI, “does not connote ignorance, or despising of the sexual instinct and affectivity. That would certainly do damage to the physical and psychological balance. On the contrary, it demands clear understanding, careful self-control and a wise sublimation of the psychological life on a higher plane. In this way, celibacy sets the whole man on a higher level and makes an effective contribution to his perfection” (*Sacerdotalis Caelibatus*).

To assume celibacy, then, is to rely on the Gospel. “Rely on the Gospel” - there’s the key. Once again, priestly celibacy or vowed chastity cannot be adequately comprehended save through faith.

Another example of divine wisdom’s surpassing that of the world is marriage. How can we be so certain—absolutely certain—that marriage is permanent and God-graced, and will always remain so?

The answer is that we know because we have a Revelation. God’s word, which transcends essentially the feeble efforts of mortals perfectly to understand, tells us unequivocally that when a man and a woman exchange marital vows in Christ they enter into a permanent, holy union that will ensure. And that, for a Christian, no conjugal living is graced by God unless it is entered into by means of a covenant with Christ—by vows taken within the body of the living Lord, Jesus (Cf. Mk 10:6-9, Ep 5:32).

To accept all this requires faith, of course. But once faith is experienced, doubts disappear, and a degree of certainty which the world cannot possibly offer is acquired. Faith is the priceless gem of which today’s **First Reading** speaks: no earthly riches can compare.

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wis7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it
cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely:
it can slip through the place where the soul is divid-
ed from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can
judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created
thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered
and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must
give account of ourselves.

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 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran
up, knelt before him and put this question to him,
'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal
life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me
good? No one is good but God alone. You know
the commandments: You must not kill; You must
not commit adultery; You must not steal; You
must not bring false witness; You must not de-
fraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he
said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my
earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and
loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you
lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the
money to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at
these words and he went away sad, for he was a
man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How
hard it is for those who have riches to enter the
kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by
these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he
said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom
of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the
eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the
kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than
ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who
can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he
said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because
everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him.
'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus
said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has
left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will
not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, broth-
ers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not with-
out persecutions – now in this present time and, in
the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **“Do something beautiful for God” by reaching out to others.** That’s the message we need to reflect on. Our most precious possession is our souls. Let us give ourselves away and give lavishly. Mother Teresa puts it in a different way: *“Do SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL for God. Do it with your life. Do it every-day. Do it in your own way. But do it!”*

2) **An invitation to generous sharing.** Jesus was so generous that he gave us his very self. The crucifix is “Exhibit Number 1”. To follow Jesus we must have a generous heart and be willing to give our money away in order to express our generosity. In the heart of every Christian there should be a desire to give. Martin Luther says that the man who has given his heart to God will also give God his wallet. God does not have to extort money from those who love him. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but he does ask us to use them wisely in his service. We must manage our possessions wisely so that they do not gain control of our hearts. Let us also ask the question: “How do I use my talents?” God gives us talents. Hence they are not really ours. He lends them to us to be used in this world. How do we use our talents? What about time—do we use it for God? We each get 168 hours every week. How do we use our time? Are we too busy to pray each day?

3) **“You are lacking one thing”.** We all have something in our lives that serves as a major obstacle to happiness and peace. We must recognize this obstacle and address it head-on. It may not be riches—it may be anger, holding grudges, alcohol, drugs, lust, apathy, lies, unfaithfulness, theft, or fraud. Let us invite God into our lives and into our efforts to face that one obstacle to holiness. We have a decision to make: whether to go away sad like the rich young man or to follow Jesus and be happy. Let us choose happiness.

4) **We need to follow Jesus on his terms, and not on our terms.** This involves giving up whatever in our lives is evil. That’s step one. Sometimes it may involve giving up things which are good. As parents, we might consider all the time and personal recreation and relaxation (all good things) which we have given up over the years for the sake of the children. As a mother or father who is also a disciple of Jesus Christ, this was required of us, and we made the sacrifice. When we follow Jesus on his terms there may be certain crosses to bear, but deep down in the core of our being, there is peace and there is joy, because we know that we are doing our best to carry out God’s perfect will in our lives.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, 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, and Kay Morton.

WORLD MISSION MONTH: October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or for any information, please go to www.catholicmission.org.au or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au. **In two weeks, Catholic Mission** will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life. **The Good Shepherd Sisters’ mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.**

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST MARY’S: The date for **First Eucharist** is now **Sunday, 14 November at 10am**. The children continue to work on their workbooks at home and with other activities relating to this Sacrament set by their teachers. We have 23 students preparing to make their First Eucharist. We look forward to celebrating this special Sacrament soon. Please keep these children in your prayers. The back-to-school date for Kinder and Year 1 is Monday, 18 October. All other classes will return 25 October.