

# 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:** Saturdays @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass  
4:15pm-4:45pm before Vigil Mass  
**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

**CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest condolences to Paddy Pollock on the passing of his son Gary during the week. May Gary rest in peace and please pray for Paddy and his family at this difficult time.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to our dear Parishioner Maureen Price who celebrated her Birthday on 4 September. Happy Birthdays also to Dianne Ebbelaar and Norma O'Connor who share their special day on 10 September and Pat Morris whose Birthday is on the 13 September.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** After months of researching and compiling rich information about stagecoaches and their crucial role in the mailing system during the 1800s and 1900s in Southeast NSW, Parishioner Kevin Setter has been named the 2023 recipient of the Fergus Thomson OAM Heritage Award. Such a wonderful acknowledgement for your hard work and congratulations on this prestigious award Kevin!

**PPC:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 September. If anyone has an agenda item for discussion, please notify the Parish Office [moruya@cg.org.au](mailto:moruya@cg.org.au) or call 4474 2024.

**VINNIES COLLECTION BASKET:** Our Conference has placed a collection basket at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food items. The following is a list of the type of food that we regularly distribute to those in need: long life milk, tinned fruit, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee. We invite parishioners to donate one item on a monthly basis, if you are able. This will help relieve the financial strain on our food budget.

**EVANGELISATION PROGRAM:** Next **Tuesday, 12 September** Parishioners are invited to Jan Morris's home (12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen**.

## NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL—COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS:** Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal. Special envelopes are provided on the church pews and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

**CALVARY HOSPITAL UPDATE:** The forced acquisition of Calvary was a most troubling time for the hospital workforce, with people crying on the wards, Calvary regional chief executive Ross Hawkins has told a federal Senate inquiry. The committee is examining whether the ACT Government should hold an inquiry into the takeover. "We were an operator and a long-term partner of the ACT government (and) we'd worked with government closely for 34 years. We'd existed for 44 years," Mr Hawkins said. "That was taken away from us in a matter we believe was not acceptable." Mr Hawkins said while his staff were "focusing on saving lives", the ACT Government was secretly working on taking control of the hospital. "That's deeply upsetting. That's not what you expect from a partner," he said. We're here to explain our story, and I really think it's up to parliament to determine where that threshold sits." The ACT Government executed a mandatory acquisition of the hospital from Calvary Health Care in July this year. A new \$1 billion hospital is planned at the site, now known as North Canberra Hospital. Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Chancellor Patrick McArdle said the ACT was "unique" in the Commonwealth as the seat of government. "It does not have the full range of state prerogatives," he said. "It will therefore always be subject to additional levels of scrutiny from parliament. Self-government in the ACT is not a right – it is a determination of this parliament." "The archdiocese believes that more scrutiny is required of this decision, rather than less." ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith argued the government had not sought to avoid scrutiny or due process in the Legislative Assembly for the bill enabling the hospital takeover. "The other relevant committees have always been free to undertake an inquiry and the ACT government has not sought to avoid scrutiny – we have sought to manage a complex process with the least possible disruption to staff and to consumers in the ACT," she said.

Father Tony Percy told the committee he was worried the takeover set a precedent, and that organisations around the country would seek written guarantees that other jurisdictions would not seek to acquire the church's assets. "What trust have we got and what else is being assured to us?" he said. "It's our intention to keep going beyond this inquiry to ensure every institution in the country – federal, state and the territories is actually secure. We want written guarantees – not just for the Catholic church, but for every institution whether it's religious or not. "There's a lot of anxiety on this." A compensation amount for the takeover has not yet been determined. The Senate committee is due to deliver its findings Wednesday, 6 September. *The Catholic Voice, 5 September 2023*

**Thank you to Genevieve Schofield, Mr Bateman and Year 4 teachers from St Mary's, Father George and parents for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion and may God continue to Bless them on their faith journey. Thank you to our Parishioners for your prayers and support.**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - September 9 & 10 2023

## First Holy Communion



**A warm welcome to all our children, their parents, families, parishioners and friends to the celebration of First Holy Communion.**

**Congratulations to the 11 First Holy Communion recipients:**

**Abbie H, Anthony M, Lily McC, Mackenzie H, Matilda W, Oliver A, Samuel H, Samuel W, Tessa H, Eden C, Hayden P**

**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 Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mt 18:15-20

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 his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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



**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

**1) You are your brother's/sister's keeper:** Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers; so they pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother or sister to give up his or her sinful ways. Others evade the issue saying "As a sinner, I do not have the moral courage or the right to correct another one". But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others in order to help our neighbours retain their Christian faith and practice, especially through our model Christian lives. Have we offered advice and encouragement to our friends and neighbours and co-workers when it was needed, and loving correction in private where that is possible? Let us admit the fact that a great degree of indifference to religion is shown by our young men and women is due to lack of parental control, training and example. If the children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans, it is mainly because the Christian faith has meant little or nothing to their parents. It is a well known fact that when parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it.

**2) Gather in Jesus' name and work miracles:** Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together and of how we can do it. Jesus says "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them". If any group of us will gather, word, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we become much more than simply the collective number of people we are. Two becomes more than two, and three becomes more than three. The sum of our individual ideas, resources and abilities becomes much more because of the synergy that God's presence provides. We in our faith community act together so that we may help one another in God's name, thereby multiplying our resources and ability to do what God calls us to do. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. Through our links to one another in Christ, there is a capacity in our community which enables us to use God's power to make healing and life-giving love more effective among His people. We come together, we stay together, we work together—all in our Lord's name, bringing to focus the presence of God and unleashing the power of the Spirit—to transform our lives and the lives of all God's children. We do gather in Jesus' name and invoke his presence and that makes him a part of us and what we do. That is what we experience at each Eucharist—we in him and he in us.

## 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 & Bert 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, John Richmond, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton and Janice Setter.

**MASS TIME CHANGES:** Next Thursday, **14 September**, there will be **no 9am Bodalla Mass** or **11am Mass at IRT Moruya.**