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

**Mass Times:**

**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 5:00 pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 5.30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

**Reconciliation:** Sat & Sun @ Moruya: 4:15-4:45pm/9:15-9:45am

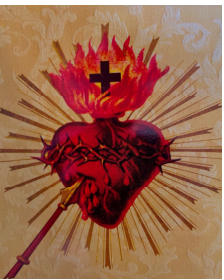
**Tuross:** Sun: 8am

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR C -

September 17 & 18 2022



## Celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

**Dear Children,** you have been looking forward to this day for a long time. Now that it has come you are excited. You feel special and important today. You have put on new clothes to look your best when you go to meet Jesus in the Holy Communion. You have also prepared your hearts. For even more important than outward dress, is the heart inside. More than anything else you want to make sure that your heart is ready to receive Jesus. When he comes you want to give him a big welcome, tell him you love him, and thank him so much for coming to you.

**Dear Parents,** for you too, this is a special day, a happy day, a proud day. For today you see your children take a new step in faith. What is more, it is your privilege to present them at the altar to share with us all in the fullness of the Lord's Supper for the first time. It is fitting you should lead them forward this way. For, as you were reminded when you had them baptised, you are their first teachers in the ways of faith. It is through you, more than anyone else they have come to know about God and it is on you they will continue to depend, for many years yet, to help them grow in their response to God's love in their lives.

**MORNING TEA:** All are welcome for morning tea after 10am Mass.

**JAMBEROO RETREAT 2022:** The PPC is organising a retreat to **Jamberoo Abbey** on the 9 to 11 November 2022.

Evidence of COVID vaccination must be presented on arrival.

The rooms available are:

1. 6 x Self-contained hermitages with an en-suite bathroom, kitchenette and sitting area (\$100

per night or \$150 for two people.)

2. 11 x Shared cottage rooms where each guest has their own lockable bedroom and shares the

bathroom and kitchen. There are two bathrooms to be shared by six people in each cottage (\$60 per

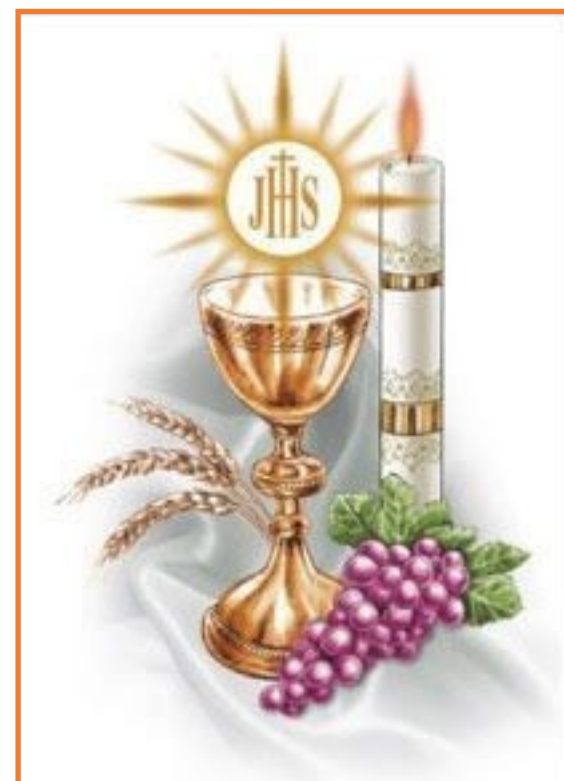
night) These rooms have access to shared cooking facilities.

The dining room is not currently open so we will be providing our own meals. The pantry is still

available for basic supplies. We have also invited parishioners from St Bernards and Our Lady of the Sea.

Please RSVP ASAP to Sue McCosker by phone or text: 0426820860 by **Wednesday, 28 September**

as we must pay a 25% deposit and give numbers by 30<sup>th</sup> September. There is general information about the Abbey on the noticeboard in the Narthex.



## First Holy Communion Day

A warm welcome to all our children, their parents, family members, parishioners and friends to the celebration of **First Holy Communion - a day of celebration for the entire Parish**

### Congratulations to the 18 First Holy Communion children

Our First Holy Communion recipients 2022:

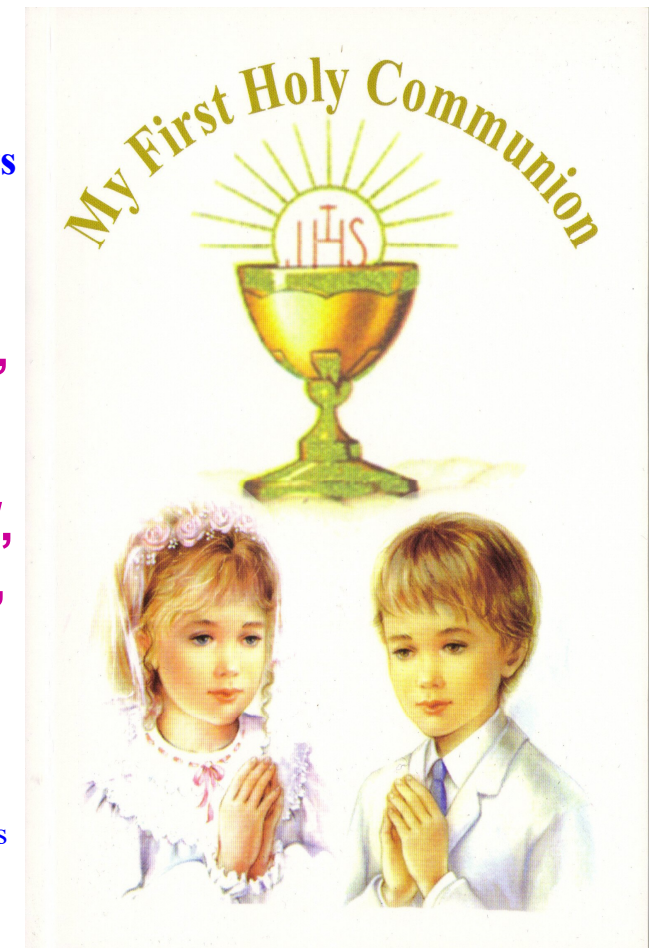
**Sophie A, Cooper C, Madison C, Jimmy D, Elka H, Ky N, Felicity P, Blake R, Axel S, Leo S, Spencer S, Callum T, Sophie VW, Lila W, Nathan W, Mitchell W, Lily C, Gabrielle S**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**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

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7

#### (R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Lk 16:1-13

P: The Lord with you

**All: And with your spirit**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## THE WORD AND LIFE this week ..

**1) We need to be faithful in little things of life:** Often we get so caught up in our work that we ignore the little things of life. But let us not ignore little matters—things like dropping someone an encouraging note or extending people a simple "thank you".. Similarly, we ought to take time out of our workday to help others in small things. As Saint John Chrysostom said "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing". We may not be able to reach millions of people all over the world by satellite as famous talk show hosts or tele-evangelists do. But in our own part of the world we can faithfully do little things to point people toward Jesus. Our future opportunities in the eternal service of God largely depend upon our stewardship in handling the little opportunities we have had on earth. As Blessed Mother Teresa used to recommend, "Do little things with great love".

**2) We need to act shrewdly, trusting in the power and assistance of God.** Today's parable gives us some practical advice. We are urged to stride in the future with confidence—not in ourselves or our abilities, but in the power and grace of God. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. At our disposal we have hope in God's justice, faith in God's assistance, and trust in God's grace. We have the Holy Mass and the seven sacraments as sources of divine grace, the holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the Spirit-guided Church to direct us. These are the best possible resources; we need to use them in such a way that it will be said of us "And the master commended them because they acted so shrewdly".

**3) We need to be prepared to give an account of our life.** We are all stewards of what God has entrusted to us, so some day we will have to give Him an account of our stewardship. We prepare ourselves for all kinds of things, most of which never happen. But do we care enough for our souls to insure ourselves against the one thing that most certainly will happen? We must meet God, and give an account. "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (II Corinthians 5:10). Thus, the only thing that will count in our favour is the testimony of those who will say, "Lord, when I was really in need he gave to me, at cost to himself. He helped me along. He showed love to me, and proved it by the giving of himself to me."

**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 Broekhuysse, 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 and Annette and John Nader.

**CANCELLED MASS:** Please note there will be no mass on **Tuesday, 20 September @ 5:30pm.**

**EXPLORING OUR FAITH:** All are invited to fortnightly gatherings in the Presbytery where we will explore together the richness and depth of aspects of our faith. If you have questions or desire to learn more about our faith, please come along. The next session is this Sunday, **18 September at 3pm** and the topic which will be discussed is *The Eucharist and Praying the Mass.*

**TAP & GO:** The Tap & Go machine in the Church foyer has been increased from \$5 to \$10.

