



The Feast of the Sacred Heart Feast Day of our Parish

This year the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Patron of our Parish, falls on Friday, 7 June. We will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at a whole School Mass. Novena to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at all weekday masses for three days beginning 4 June.

Feast of the Sacred Heart



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 emphasizes 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE, EDEN: A warm invitation is extended to all to join the Archbishop as he leads the annual Mary Mackillop pilgrimage in Eden on **Saturday, 3 August**. The day will include a pilgrim's walk at 11am, Mass at 12pm with lunch provided by the Parish of Pambula. If you wish to attend, please rsvp to Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette Wood (0429 774 119). A flyer is displayed in the Church foyer with more details.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Confirmation Commitment Mass is this Saturday, 1 June at 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be attending the Confirmations on **Sunday, 23 June** at the special time of **10:30am** at Sacred Heart Church.

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



**F E A S T O F T H E
S A C R E D H E A R T**

*Whole School Mass &
Grandparents' Morning Tea*

Please join us for Mass at Sacred Heart Church Moruya at 9:15 am on Friday 7 June. We will hold a special morning tea at school afterwards to honour our grandparents.



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 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600
Caring Groups: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

Corpus Christi - YEAR B - 1 & 2 June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

The Feast and its objectives: Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: **1)** to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honour him there; **2)** to instruct the people in the mystery, faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist; and **3)** to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the three year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*.



In Year A the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Year B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Year C the theme focuses on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasise its importance by a special feast, formerly called *Corpus Christi*. It was Pope Urban IV who extended the feast to the universal Church. This is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a procession and a *Sequence* sung after the Second Reading, just before the Alleluia verse.

The historical development: Today's feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of *Corpus Christi*. In the reforms of Vatican II, *Corpus Christi* was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*. We celebrate today Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563) declared that we must honour Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of the Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ present in this great Sacrament. "The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present, together with His Soul and Divinity, by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."

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 Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13, 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred

defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **A message of unity and sacrificial love:** The Eucharist, (the body and blood of Christ) teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. Just as numerous grains of wheat are ponded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to be united with one another and to allow and work with the Holy Spirit in transforming us into Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the head and we are the body. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents for our fellow members in Christ's mystical body. This is symbolised by our sharing in the same bread and the same cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

2) **The duty of preparing properly to receive Holy Communion:** We have tarnished God's image within us through acts of impurity, injustice, and disobedience. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the sacramental confession of grave sins before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St Paul: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves.*" [1 Cor. 11:27-9]. Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect — not merely as a matter of routine. St Paul is speaking also of the mystical body of Christ, ie, the people of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters.

3) **Let us become Christ-bearers and conveyers:** By receiving Holy Communion we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: We continue to extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, the sick members of our Parish and all those in need of our prayers: Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysen, Jan and Pat Morris, Barry Morris, Christopher Morris, John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nader, Mark Wales, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave, David McWilliams, Paul Ryan, Rita Marion and Viola.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Sacred Heart Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr George Azhakath or the Parish Office. Alternatively, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to talk with Fr George. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to the **Parish Safeguarding Officers: Pauline Parnell** ronandpauline@yahoo.com; **Louise Strahlendorf** loumm214@gmail.com; or **Peter Hoban** peter.hoban@peters.com.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au/6239 9806.