

THANK YOU: Grateful thanks to Moruya Parishioners who, through the purchase of quince paste, contributed \$800 for the formation and education of Blessed Sacrament seminarians in the Philippines. May God bless you and many thanks for your support—Rita Condon

SAVE THE DATE: FR ANTHONY'S FAREWELL: All Parishioners are warmly invited to Fr Anthony's Farewell at the Presbytery on **Thursday, 15 June from 5:00pm**. Please bring a dish to share and BYO. If you are unable to make this date, there will also be a Farewell Morning Tea after 10am Mass on **Sunday, 18 June**. Fr Anthony commences at St Joseph's Parish, O'Connor on 1 July and Parishioners will be happy to know Fr George will return to the Parish on 29 June following 12 months leave. If you would like to make a contribution towards Father's parting gift, please see John Gillett, John Munce, Jan Morris or Marg Croese after Mass or you may leave your contribution in the secure black letterbox next to the Presbytery's front door.

VINNIES NEWS: Now that winter is here we turn our thoughts to all the people who are currently homeless and in need of warm bedding and somewhere protected to sleep. We are currently providing sleeping bags, swags and butane cookers to help make their situation a little better. In the past our Parish has been very supportive of our Winter Appeal and once again we are asking you to step up and donate to a leaving collection next weekend **17th and 18th of June**. There will also be envelopes on the pews for anyone wanting a receipt. These envelopes can be returned during the collection at Mass. Once again we thank you for your generosity as we continue God's work.

NAIDOC WEEK—JULY 17-21: It is proposed Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a NAIDOC Week Mass on **Friday, 21 July**. This will be a significant event, with staff and Aboriginal students and their families attending from Carroll College, St Bernard's and of course St Mary's. Special awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the Mass and everyone is welcome to attend.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: On **Tuesday, 13 June** following 5:00pm Mass, Parishioners are invited to Jan Morris' home (12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen** (a series about the life of Jesus).

Prayer for Confirmation - 25 June

Lord, You send out Your spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray you will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm 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/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass
5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass
Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass
Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600
Caring Groups: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993

The Body and Blood of Christ

- YEAR A -

June 10 & 11 2023

The 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 aiding 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 a 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 Sung Sequence.

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.

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 Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 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 Jn 6:51-58

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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. If we are struggling with sin, especially habitual sin, let us remember to ask Jesus to strengthen us through this sacrament

3) A message of healing love: Since “the Eucharist makes the Church” (CCC no 1396) let us pray especially for healing and For victims of sexual abuse by the clergy, and for the reconciliation of the abused and their abusers with the Church. The Church has been grievously wounded by these abuses, and it is in the Eucharist that we must find healing.

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, Ross Hay, Taine Woodford, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Neil Mason, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes and Elvie Mehl.

Especially thinking of SH ex-Parish Priest **Fr Greg Beath** who underwent heart surgery last week and dear Parishioner **Pauline de Grave** who is recovering from a recent hip operation. Thoughts and prayers to you both for quick recoveries!

PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGES: Tuesday evening Masses have started at the new time of 5:00pm and from next weekend 17 June, Saturday Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at 5:00pm.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: New envelopes for **2023-24** are ready for collection and are available in the Church foyer. To help the parish save money and reduce waste, some givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is **EXTREMELY** important that envelope givers only use the CURRENT envelopes **from July onwards (RED envelopes)** - if you have any envelopes left from last year (purple), please throw them away as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else.

A MINI PILGRIMAGE: All are invited to pray the **Way of the Cross**, while climbing to The Saddle (Mt Gulaga Tilba Tilba). Fr Anthony will be leading us in our prayerful walk! On arrival at The Saddle we'll enjoy a picnic lunch, where there is a toilet and picnic tables. On our return to the car park Fr Anthony will lead us in the prayer of the Rosary. The walk is graded medium to hard and requires a reasonable level of fitness but we'll journey gently, catch our breath and be sure to take in the spectacular views! It's estimated that our Mini Pilgrimage will take around 4 hours. **When: Monday, 19 June**, **Time: 10am**, **Meet:** At the car park, Old Highway next to La Galette Cafe, Tilba Tilba. **What to bring:** Warm clothing, sturdy walking shoes, hat, drinking water, a packed lunch, snack and Rosary Beads. **Note: Cancelled if wet weather.**

WORKING BEE: A garden working bee will be held on Saturday, **17 June at 10am**. Please bring your weeding gloves, whipper snippers etc and tidy the Church grounds for Confirmation day.

CORPUS CHRISTI: This Sunday on the **Feast of Corpus Christi** there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass. Fr Anthony will lead a talk on the Eucharist concluding with a procession and Benediction.