

Please note the change of date

Please join us for Mass and a picnic to celebrate the career of **Mrs. Margaret Croese**



12:00 pm Thursday 30 November 2023 at Sacred Heart Church Moruya, followed by a picnic in the gardens at St Mary's Primary School.
(Please bring a picnic, blanket and a small plate to share.)

WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK:

Parishioners are advised that due to Fr George being away on Clergy Retreat at Galong from 13-17 November there will be **no weekday Masses**.

SPRING PARISH BBQ: A sincere thank you to our wonderful Parishioners who came along and contributed to what was a lovely Parish get-together. Thank you all!

SAVE THE DATE: The Parish is organising a **Christmas Party** on **Friday, 15 December**. More details in next weekend's Bulletin.

VOLUNTEER WITH VINNIES: Vinnies are calling for volunteers for their Shopfront in Queen Street, Moruya. If you have a few hours a week to spare, please consider volunteering for this worthwhile cause. No long-term commitment is required. A notice is in the Church foyer with more information.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next Tuesday, 14 November, Jan Morris will be hosting The Chosen at 12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya. All welcome.



NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NOVEMBER MASS envelopes **MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** are available in the Church foyer for Parishioners to offer Masses.

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A - November 11 & 12 2023

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
Look, the Bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passing to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching and evolving heart is essential for a lively, dynamic faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we prepare for them.



Since Jesus' parable in today's **gospel** has five well-prepared wise women, the **first reading** personifies wisdom as a woman. The author advises the Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of the pagan philosophers, because the Jews have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, a wisdom which regulates not only this life but the next also. Hence, they must live their lives in strict conformity with the divine wisdom given them so generously by God. In the **second reading**, Paul assures those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their life time that the death and resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before the second coming of Jesus. But they are to be alert, well prepared and vigilant. In the **gospel** parable of the ten virgins (bridesmaids), the foolish virgins represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah, but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared. The parable teaches us that like the five wise virgins we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late.



REMEMBRANCE DAY—11 November

Also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day, is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty since World War 1.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the official end of World War 1 on that date in 1918; hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" with the Germans signing of the Armistice.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully
grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any

of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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 told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Be wise enough to remain ever prepared: wise Christians find Jesus is the most ordinary experience of daily living—in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves and carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by seeing Jesus in every one and by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness to people around them.

2) Let us be sure that our lamps are ready for the end of our lives: Scriptural readiness, preparation and growth are the result of intentional habits built into one's life. You cannot depend on a Sunday Mass or morning service to provide all your spiritual needs. You cannot depend on Christian fellowship to provide you with spiritual development. It comes through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciples—making sure you have enough oil or spiritual fuel: oil of compassion and mercy, oil of patience and sympathy and forgiveness. It comes by taking time for prayer, talking to God and listening to Him by reading the Bible, sacramental life, acts of service to others; moral faithfulness and loving obedience. It comes through spending time with other Christians for mutual prayer study and encouragement. As these habits become developed, they cease to be a struggle and begin to be a source of strength and blessing. They make your life powerful against the onslaught of the world.

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 Broekhuysen, 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, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave and Brian Fee.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Fr Paul Bateman who turns 87 on 17 November.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to Norma and Graham Beer who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 7 November. And congratulations also to Louise and Mark Strahlendorf who will be celebrating their 18th Wedding Anniversary on 12 November. Best wishes to you all for many more happy and healthy years together!

CARING GROUP—TUROSS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be held on **Thursday, 30 November** at 12pm at the Tuross Club. Save the date; more information to come.