

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Monday, 15th August the Church honours the Immaculate Virgin Mary who preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death (CCC, #966). This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation in Australia which means all the faithful are obliged to attend Mass on this day (Can. 1247 CIC).

Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am and 5pm



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Parish Office hours: Wed and Fri 9:00am—2:00pm

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/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass

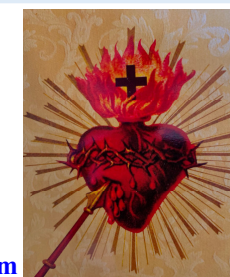
4:15pm-4:45pm before Mass

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

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 12 & 13 2023

Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee

The challenge of trusting faith

The **readings** for this week speak of God's saving presence for his people and the need for trusting faith in a loving and providing God who always keeps us company.

The **first reading** tells us of how Elijah the prophet defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of such a trusting faith in the power of Yahweh, and of how, later, he lost that faith and took to flight when his life was in danger.

In the **second reading** Paul laments that, because the Jews had lost their faith in Yahweh and His prophets, they rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus.

The **gospel** explains how Peter lost his trusting faith in Jesus for a few seconds and consequently failed in his attempt to walk on water.



Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon: The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

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.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—

Wednesday, 15 August: Mass 9:15am and 5pm

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9-11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) **Storms reveal to us the true source of our strength.** It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations. Storms reveal our inability to save ourselves and point us to the infinite ability of God to save us. When Jesus shows up in our life's storms, we find that we gain strength to do the seemingly impossible. For example, when Jesus shows us he makes marriages out of mistakes, he invigorates, restores, and empowers us to reach the unreachable, to cross the un-crossable. Storms let us know that without him we can do nothing, without him we are doomed to fail. Yet, when Jesus shows up, we gain the strength to join Paul saying "In Christ I can do all things". But this demands a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative study of scripture and active sacramental life.

2) **Do not put limits to God's presence.** There are those who limit God's presence for their own comfort or security or to keep themselves in power. In years past there were those who would deny God's presence in slaves. There have been those who would ignore God's presence in their enemies. There are those who would refuse to believe that God is present in the murderer sitting on death row, in those who are marginalised by our society: the gay person, the addict, the person living with AIDS, the illegal immigrant, the handicapped. It is in situations like these that we have to get out of the boat, surprise the others and show them the reflection of God in such people. Let us always look for the ways to be surprised by our God and the opportunities to wake one another up to the beauty, the power and the nearness of our loving, providing and protecting God.

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, Robyn Barkley, Mark Wales, Rick Christensen, Therese Masserot, Jenny Hopkins, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Leo Kop, Barbara Kirk and John Richmond.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will reopen this Wednesday, 16 August.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next **Tuesday, 15 August after 5pm Mass** Parishioners are invited to Marg Croese's home (19 Costin Street, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen** (the series about Jesus' life).

BRIDGING ABORIGINAL AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY: A gathering will be held on Tuesday, 22 August, 10am – 3pm in St Bernard's Church Meeting Room. **Guest Speaker:** Loretta Parsley, First Nation's Elder and facilitators Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall. Cost is free. Morning Tea provided.

BYO Pot Luck Lunch to share. Booking is Essential by Tuesday Aug 15 Phone Marie 0405 028 057.