

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

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.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to a couple in our Parish who have generously donated \$1,000. Their kindness and generosity is very much appreciated and they have asked their names not be disclosed. Thank you!! on behalf of the Parish!

FR ANTHONY'S FAREWELL: 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.

VINNIES NEWS: Important Update -The leaving collection that was scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled. Due to the fact that the Parish is struggling financially and Parishioners have been asked to increase their contributions, where possible, we decided that we cannot put further strain on the congregation. We are, however, always looking for more volunteers to join our Conference as well as for the Opportunity Shop. I will have application forms for the op shop with me at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday for anyone who is interested. Di Fee, President

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: On **Tuesday, 20 June** following 5:00pm Mass, Parishioners are invited the Presbytery to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen** (a series about the life of Jesus).

Feast Day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday, 16 June) was first celebrated in 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr Jean Eudes. 'The life story of Jesus as found in the Gospels is a story of a heart full of sympathy. "And seeing the multitudes, he had compassion on them because they were distressed and lying like sheep that have no shepherd" (Matt.) How wonderfully he showed his sympathy and understanding towards discouraged sinners; towards the sorrowing widow of Naim; towards the children who flocked to him; his treatment of the woman taken in adultery; the repentant thief; the ashamed Peter; the parable of the Good Shepherd and the Prodigal son. No wonder people listened when he invited them "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest".

The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Saturday, 17 June) In 1944 Pope Pius XII extended the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Universal Church. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is based on Scripture. In Luke's Gospel there are two references to the Heart of Mary: 'Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.' (Lk 2:19) and 'His mother meanwhile kept all these things in her heart.' (Lk 2:51). It was the heart of Mary which expressed her 'yes' to God.



NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CALVARY HOSPITAL UPDATE: It is time to up the ante, Fr Tony Percy said this morning in the wake of the Supreme Court's dismissal of Calvary Health Care's bid to halt the compulsory acquisition of Calvary public hospital on Friday. Speaking on radio station 2GB, the former Vicar General and head of the Archdiocese Save Calvary taskforce said the decision had set a precedent not only for Catholic medical and educational institutions but all Christian institutions, faith institutions, and other community groups. "There is an incredible body of people – our petition is over 40,000 now – so there are a lot of people not only in the ACT but around the country, who are rightly perceiving the problem here," he said. "You'd think the ACT Government will start doing other compulsory acquisitions at will, given they have been enlivened by their own legislation and the ACT Supreme Court now. "People want a free and fair nation – well, we are getting a coercive and unjust nation out of this sort of behaviour." Fr Tony said while the Supreme Court had announced their decision, which he acknowledged, they had not yet given their reasons. "It's time-critical that we get the reasons if we want to do something else apart from the Supreme Court of the ACT," he said. "(The government) are saying they are going to take the whole show over on 3 July, so this is time critical. As to when they are going to give us the reasons, we don't know. That's a real problem. "Of course, we were saying this particular piece of legislation didn't even have a proper discussion in the parliament and then it bypassed their own acquisition act, and the court now has said that's okay. We would like to see the reasons for the decision." Fr Tony said the fight was far from over. Excerpt from *The Weekly Catholic Voice* 14 June 2023

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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-5:45pm before Mass

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

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Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600

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11th Sunday in Ordinary time

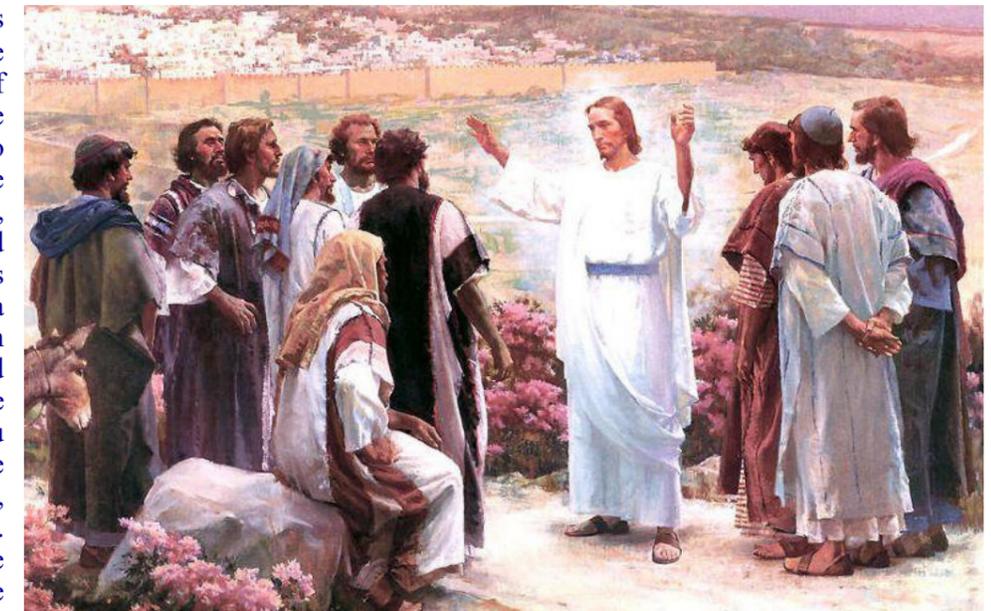
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June 17 & 18 2023

Commissioned by Christ to Reach Out

With a preaching mission: The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

The main theme of today's readings from Exodus, the letter of Paul and the words of Jesus in the gospel is that we are commissioned or sent, to transform others with the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation through Jesus His Son. Today's Gospel is also a reminder from God to each one of us "you have received grace and talents from me without charge, and so you have to give without charge through your simple, responsible and sharing lives. This is indeed the core of the priestly vocation and of the vocation of every Christian through his or her baptism. Today's lesson marks a turning point in the establishment of the Christian Church, as presented in the gospels. Up to this point in the story, Jesus himself was the focus of the healing, teaching and controversy. With the commissioning of his disciples, others began to assume some of the responsibility for the new movement that heralded the kingdom of God. That new movement was destined to grow later, with increasing diversity, as it extended beyond the borders of Galilee, into the Christian Church.



Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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 Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

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

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Be Jesus presenters: Jesus continues to be active in our lives through the Bible and the sacraments. He has promised that he will do whatever we ask in his name, meaning that he will answer us when we ask for help in revealing the power and character of God. In addition, the Lord God gives us the Holy Spirit, the one who teaches us, and reminds us of all that Jesus has said to us. We are invited to become one with God and Jesus and to let the Holy Spirit work through us. We are asked to perform the works of Jesus, and through these works to reveal the power and character of God to the world. If we accept this invitation, people will look at us and say “Jesus”.

2) Be healers in the modern world: People are sick in body as well as mind. As Christians sharing Jesus’ mission, we can bring healing and wholeness to people with whom we come into contact. Although we cannot raise the dead, we can help people to recover interest and a zest for living. People cannot be physically alive but dead in many other respects. Cleansing the lepers means rehabilitating and bringing back fully into our communities all those who, for one reason or another, are marginalised, rejected, despised, ostracised on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, religion, gender or sexual orientation. In our day, demons are all those suffocating and enslaving forces which dominate, manipulate and restrict our freedom to live in truth and love. They include many elements of our contemporary society, the pressures to conform to what is in fashion, whether it be clothes, food or drugs of all kinds, prescribed and non-prescribed, the tendencies to hedonism, extreme individualism and violence of all kinds. We have to start by casting out these demons from our own hearts first before helping others to true liberation.

3) “You received without payment; give without payment”: Every thing we have is a gift from God. God’s gifts to us are literally priceless. They are meant to be used freely and liberally for the benefit of all. We are not in the business of sharing our faith for the money or the admiration it brings. To paraphrase President John Kennedy “Ask not what others can do for you, but what you can do for others”. We must always remember that our good works, the things in which we take pride, ultimately find their source in Christ, not in us. What gifts, both material and spiritual, have we received from God? How have we passed those gifts onto others? How have we thanked God and given him the credit for those gifts?

4) Pray for priests who carry God’s people on “eagle wings”. Priests are with us at the most important moments in our lives, baptism, marriage, forgiveness of sins, celebration of the Eucharist, sickness and death. Every priest could tell you personal stories of times when he prayed with the sick and they improved or the times when he anointed the sick and they received new strength. We should continue to pray to the Lord to give priests the energy and enthusiasm to bring them in. We also need to pray for future priests as instructed by Jesus in today’s gospel by praying for an increase in the quality and quantity of vocations to priesthood and the religious life.

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 and Clair Holmes.

CONDOLENCES: Sincere condolences to the Mehl family on the passing of Elva on the 11 June. Elva’s funeral was held at Sacred Heart on Friday, 16 June at 11am. May Elva rest in eternal peace.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to **Louise Strahlendorf** who celebrates her Birthday this weekend on 17 June. Happy Birthday Louise and we hope you have a lovely day celebrating with family and friends.

ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Di and Gerry Ebbelaar who celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on 12 June. We hope you had a special day and wish you many more happy years together.

PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGE: **From this weekend 17 June, Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 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.

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed next week and reopening on Thursday, 29 June and Friday, 30 June.