

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 5.30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 5:15pm-5:45pm before Mass

Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am

Schools: St Mary's Moruya: 4474 2817

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



CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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November 19 & 20 2022

Christ the King of the Universe

“remember me when you come into your kingdom”



The Franciscan Order was instrumental in establishing this feast and extending its celebration to the universal Church because the people of the day had “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives” and “these had no place in public affairs or in politics”. Although emperors and kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honour Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning him in our hearts and allowing him to take control of our lives. When we accept Jesus as the king of our lives, then everyone else takes on proper proportion. We are also challenged to find Christ the King in everyone around us. As loyal subjects of Christ the King, we are invited to treat others with justice and compassion as Jesus did, especially those whom we consider the least important (Cor 3:15-17).

Since the New Testament identifies Christ the King as the Son of David, the **first reading** recalls the story of David’s anointing as king of Israel.

In the **second reading**, St Paul asserts that, as the image of the invisible God, Christ the King is superior to the prominent groups of angels like “thrones, dominations, principalities or powers”. Describing the crucifixion scene, today’s **Gospel** teaches that Christ became the king of our hearts and lives by his suffering, death and resurrection.

In most of the messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Christ the Messiah is represented as a king. The New Testament tells us that Jesus is the long awaited king of the Jews.

In the Annunciation, recorded in Lk 1:32-33, we read: “*The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever and his kingdom will never end*”. When Pilate asked the question: (Jn 18:33) “Are you the king of the Jews”? Jesus made this answer, “*You say I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice*” (Jn 18:37).

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 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for
him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and
for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to surrender our lives to Christ's rule: Since Christ our king lives as His Holy Spirit in our hearts, as his grace in our souls, we have to learn to live in his holy presence, doing his will by sharing his forgiving love with others around us. We have to constantly be aware of his presence in the Bible, in the sacraments and in the worshipping community.

2) We need to fight against the enemies of Christ's kingdom: Terrorism has affected the entire world including Christ's kingdom on earth. These enemies are people who slaughter the unborn; engage in a frontal attack on the modern family through provocative television shows, movies, music and pornography; eradicate any recognition of God from public display and public schools; and those priests and religious who abuse children. Hence, Jesus the King needs convinced apostles, prepared and ready to fight against these enemies. The battlefield is the home, the school, the place of employment, the neighbourhood and the parish. These provide new and exciting challenges, new opportunities to stand up for what is right and to defend the truth of Jesus Christ our King. To ensure that Jesus is always the king of our hearts requires great commitment, sacrifice, conviction, hard work and a lot of prayer.

3) We need to use our authority to support Jesus' message: This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the government, public office, educational institutions and family to use it for Jesus. Are we using our God-given authority so as to serve others? Are we using it to build a more just society, rather than to boost our own egos? Are we who are parents, using our God-given authority to train our children in Christian ideals and the ways of committed Christian living.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church year. It is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great feast day, let us resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives, and to obey his commandment of love by sharing our blessings with all his needy children. Let us conclude the Church year by asking the Lord to help us to serve the King of Kings as he presents himself in those reaching out to us. *"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever"*. Amen *Christus vincit!*
Christus regnat! *Christus imperat!* *Christ conquers!* *Christ rules!* *Christ reigns!*

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, and the sick members of our Parish: Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry, Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny McCaskill, Annette Moore, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard and Peter Collins, Taine Woodford and Jaijing Greenwood.

Archbishop Prowse has appointed Fr Anthony Riosa SSS as Parish Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish from 7th January 2023. We look forward to welcoming Fr Riosa in the New Year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Bert and Clare Broekhuysse who celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 23 November.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION: All are invited to the parish faith formation group which will meet for an hour this Sunday, 20th November at 3pm at the Presbytery. We will be discussing virtues and vices, grace and how to be Christians in the world today.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP: We will be meeting for prayer and discussion in the Church after 5:30pm Mass each Tuesday during Advent starting 29th November. This is an opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for the Feast of Christmas.

VINNIES CONFERENCE NEWS: On Saturday, 12 November, we held the first of our free sausage sizzles here in the Parish grounds. We had a good mix of Parishioners and people from the Community who enjoyed this opportunity of a shared meal along with fun, social interactions. Our next get-together will be on Saturday, 10 December between 12 and 2pm so please mark this date in your diary. Everyone welcome.

ART FOR LEISURE: Art for Leisure paintings are on exhibit and for sale this Sunday, **20 November** after mass and 20% off the purchase price goes to the Parish. We have some very talented painters in our midst and these paintings would make perfect Christmas gifts. Come along and see for yourself!

PPC: The next PPC meeting in December will be on **Wednesday, 7 December** at 4:30pm in the Presbytery where the focus will be on Christmas planning.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Parish Christmas Party on **Friday, 16 December from 6pm** at the BBQ area. Sausage sandwiches will be provided; please bring a salad and sweet to share. BYO drinks. To RSVP and for catering purposes, please place your name on the acceptance sheet which you will find in the Church foyer by 12 December.

MORUYA & TUROSS HEAD CARING GROUPS: Please come to our **Christmas Party**, at the **Tuross Head Club** on **15 December, 12 noon**. As usual, we all purchase our own meals and drinks. Please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending so tables can be arranged: 0497 315 534.



SAVE THE DATE: The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st December at 6:00pm in the Church. We are all encouraged to avail ourselves of this wonderful sacrament as we prepare to welcome Christ anew into our hearts this Christmas.

GARDEN WORKING BEE: The last garden working bee of the year will be on Saturday, 10 December from 10am-11:30am. Please bring your garden gloves, rakes, whipper snippers etc. This is the last opportunity to tidy up the Parish grounds ahead of the festive season.

JAMBEROO: 10 people from Sacred Heart and St Bernard's Parishes attended the Jamberoo Retreat last week. Pauline and Han de Grave and Susie and Andy McCosker from Moruya attended.



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available in the Church foyer for Masses for the Holy Souls. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

MORNING TEA: All are very welcome to come along for Morning Tea each week after 10am Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for your ongoing support.