

MASS TIME CHANGE: Due to Stephen Heffernan's funeral on 24 January at 11am, there will not be a 9:15am Mass.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: As Friday, 26 January is **Australia Day** and a public holiday, the office will be closed.

GATHERING INVITATION: GRIEF, LOSS AND LIVING WITH DEMENTIA ... A PASTORAL RESPONSE: **Date:** Tuesday, 13 February 2024 at St Bernard's Church Meeting Room, 2 David Ave, Batehaven. **Time:** 9:15am for 9:30am start—12 noon. **Facilitator:** **Nicole Gorzalka**, Hammond Care. **Guest speakers:** ***Antoinette** and **Nancy** will share their experiences of caring for their husbands living with Dementia*. This Gathering is open to: Pastoral Carers, Family Carers, Volunteers and Supporting Friends or those wanting to increase their awareness. There is no cost; BYO sharing morning tea. **NOTE: Bookings are essential by Monday, 5 February** by calling Marie 0405 028 057 or Carolyn 0400 021 119.



What is Discipleship?

A disciple is someone who believes in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, intentionally learns from Him, and strives to live more like Him. Discipleship describes a journey of spiritual growth.

A Gift in Your Will

Have you considered a Bequeath to Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya to be included in your Will?

A) Making a gift for the upkeep and maintenance of your Parish is a meaningful gift and legacy to your faith community, a gift that will be remembered forever...

To make a **bequest**, you should consult your solicitor or trustee company. It may be sufficient to make an addition or amendment to an existing Will by adding a codicil. If you are considering a bequest, the Parish Office will be able to assist you with further details.

B) If you would like to assist the Church/Archdiocese to continue its charitable works by making a bequest, we recommend the following clause:

I give, devise and bequeath [the sum of...] OR [my property known as...] OR [...% of my estate] free of all duties and taxes to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 12 689322721) to be applied as the Archbishop sees fit at the time and I declare that a receipt for the same signed by the Archbishop of the Archdiocese shall be sufficient discharge from my Executor."

**For further information, please contact the Gift Manager
(02) 6239 9801 or giving@cg.org.au**

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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/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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR B -

20 & 21 January 2023

Repent, and believe the Good News

God's call to discipleship with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life

God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion and renewal of life expected from us, is the main theme of today's readings. No matter what life, work or ministry God calls us to, God first calls us to conversion, to repentance and thus continually becoming new people. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call. The **first reading** tells us how the prophet Jonah did not respond quickly enough when God called him, perhaps because he hated the Gentile people of Nineveh and thought that they were not worthy of God's gracious mercy. God had to halt Jonah in his flight before the prophet could respond affirmatively to His second call to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. The people of Nineveh, however, promptly responded to God's word as preached by His prophet.



In the **second reading**, Paul urged the community in Corinth, and us to lose no time accepting the message of the **gospel** because Jesus' second coming could occur at any time. Today's **gospel** describes how Jesus entered Galilee and began preaching. Like John, Jesus also called for repentance. But Jesus added the good news that the kingdom of God was at hand. It still is, for where Jesus is, there is the kingdom of God. The Jesus called on his listeners to believe in the gospel or the good news of God's love, mercy and salvation. Since discipleship is the appropriate response to Jesus' proclamation of the good news, Jesus invited Simon, Andrew, James and John to join him and help in his preaching and healing ministry. They promptly accepted his call. As disciples, we are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's kingdom in word and deed.

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 Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Let us appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and reconciliation, healed and consoled by anointing and made manifest in matrimony, or holy orders. God is relentless in calling us back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him.

2) Let us be thankful to God for His Divine grace of calling us to be members of the true Church: Let us make personal efforts to see the light of Christ and to grow in holiness, learning the truths that are revealed through the Church and receiving its Sacraments. Let us be shining lights in the world as Christ was and make a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the light, so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of 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 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, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter and Pauline de Grave.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO OR TAKEN OFF THE LIST

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Sacred Heart Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr George Azhakath or the Parish Office. Alternatively, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to talk with Fr George. Specific safeguarding issues can also be emailed to the **Parish Safeguarding Officers: Pauline Parnell** ronandpauline@yahoo.com; **Louise Strahlendorf** loumm214@gmail.com; or **Peter Hoban** peter.hoban@peters.com.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au/6239 9806.