

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00 am

Tue: 5.30 pm. Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30 am

Tuross Mass: Sun. 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm.

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays 9.45—10.45 am



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 21 & 22 2021

**Peter said to Jesus, “Lord whom shall we go to?
You have the words of everlasting life”**

The main theme of **today's liturgy of the word** is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through his Son Jesus shown to us in the New Testament. They remind us that the fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives. Joshua in our **first reading** and Paul in the **second reading** make similar challenges to the people to make their choice. Today we, too, are challenged to decide whom we will serve.

Paul in the **second reading** challenges the Ephesian Christians to build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love. He says that the Christian husband and wife should stand together in love before God respecting each other's rights and dignity. He also uses the husband-wife relationship as an analogy to explain the close relationship between Christ and the Church. That is why he urges his faithful community in Ephesus “*Live in love, as Christ loved us*”. He wants them to make the right choice in life. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of his Church, through the Eucharist, making us his own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Concluding his Eucharistic discourse, Jesus in **today's gospel** challenges his Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting him as the true Bread from heaven who gives his body and blood as their heavenly food or to join those who had lost their faith in him and left him, expressing their confusion and doubts about his claims. Jesus speaks to the twelve apostles and gives them the option of leaving him or staying with him. The disciples cannot reject Jesus after all that he has done for them. Peter, their spokesman, asks Jesus how they can turn to anyone else—he is the only one who has the message of eternal life. The apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus. In the Eucharistic celebration we, like Peter, are called to make a decision, profess our faith in God's Son and renew the covenant ratified in his life, death and resurrection

Prayer for Australia: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, Amen.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23.

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(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be con-
demned. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week

1: Let us make our choice for Christ and live it: We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread he gives and relying on the power of his Holy Spirit. The heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to accept the Church's teachings and to face ridicule, criticisms and even social isolation for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives. The very option or possibility of choosing for or against Jesus is repeated over and over again in the modern age. We should resolve to take a stand for Jesus and accept the consequences. We recognise in our going to communion and accepting that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. When the priest gives us Holy Communion saying "the Body of Christ", we have to respond with a total "Amen". That "Yes" is not just an act of faith in the Real Presence but a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus in the community of which we are members. We must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all, we are to identify with him in the offering of his flesh and the pouring out of his blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unutterable love for us.

COVID PROTOCOL: Parish Offices are **closed**. Face Masks are **mandatory**.

Churches and chapels are **closed**.

Public Masses and Liturgies are **not** to be celebrated.

Funerals (10 people only) are permitted.

Weddings (5 people only, couple, minister, two witnesses) Holy Communion **can** be taken to the sick.

Anointing of the Sick **can** be celebrated.

Visitation to hospitals by priests should be minimal

Live Stream Mass St. Christopher's Cathedral

Monday – Saturday 12.15pm, Sunday 11am

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR)

is holding the second of three **online** convocations, '***Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council***', Thurs 26th August, 7.30-9pm. To be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021) – with speakers Dr Jesse Rogers, Debra Zanella, Robert Fitzgerald, and John Warhurst. All welcome. Further info and register at accr.com.au

MORUYA CARING GROUP Friday 20 August meeting has been postponed until further notice.

ROSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP While our Churches are closed, Archbishop Christopher would like to invite all to pray via Zoom. All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions. **Every Wed & Friday 4pm**

Lockdown tips to remain mentally strong. Reduce your media intake. Listen or watch media coverage just enough to keep you updated. *Accept the things I cannot change, and focus on what I do have and what I am grateful for.* My challenge to you is to notice your news consumption today and explore whether you could cut it down.



Novena to the Sacred Heart

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "Ask, and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." Behold, I knock, I seek and I ask that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you." Behold, in Thy Name, I ask the Father that my prayer be granted. (Mention your petition.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O JESUS, WHO HAST SAID: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away." Behold, encouraged by Thy infallible words, I ask that my prayers be granted. (Repeat your petition again.)

Pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, for Whom one thing alone is impossible, namely, not to have compassion on those who are afflicted; have pity on us poor, miserable sinners, and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thine and our tender Mother.

Pray the *Hail, Holy Queen.*

Let us pray

God ever faithful,
giver and sustainer of life,
you know the depths of our pain
as we journey through
this time of unknowing.

Hear our voices
and the cry of our hearts.

Guide us to the most
life-giving ways open to us.

St Joseph,
man of courage,
you protected Mary and Jesus
when they were in danger.

Cradle us now safely
in this same protecting embrace.
May we, like you, extend this care
to our world in need.

St Mary of the Cross,
you faced difficult times
with a heart filled with trust,
always believing in the

watchful presence of God.
Walk with us now in this difficult time,
and may we be for others, examples of
confident hope and trust.

St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross
Pray with us in this time of need.

Amen

Prayers for the Sick and the Housebound: We continue to pray and extend our support to those who are in near lock down at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Catherine Hulse, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Dale Moore, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysen, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Julie & John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling and Rosemary Patyus.