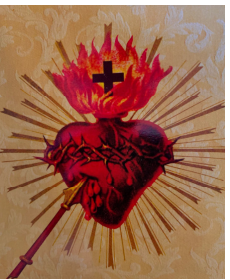


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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 5:00pm Sun: 10:00am
Tue: 5:00pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am
Tuross: Sun: 8:00am **Bodalla:** 4th Sunday of the month 3:00pm/2nd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Every Saturday @ 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:** Fridays after Mass
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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: The Archdiocesan Clergy Retirement Foundation thanks everyone who contributed so generously. For those still wishing to make a donation, donations can be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate **Thank you for your generous support.**

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; and in 2023 it will be celebrated on **24 September**. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **“Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay”**. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 23 & 24 2023

The Parable of the Generous Landlord “Why are you jealous because I am generous” World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Today's readings are all about the sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy can, and often does, override his justice and hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously.


In the **first reading**, Isaiah the prophet reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon their infidelity which has resulted in their exile. Their merciful God will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. Hence, Isaiah exhorts them, and us, to seek the Lord and to put aside evil ways in order to receive mercy and forgiveness from God.

Today's **responsorial psalm** reminds us that, although “the Lord is just in all his ways” he is at the same time gracious “and merciful”. In the **second reading**, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission to God's grace. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. At the same time he is ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. In today's **gospel**, Jesus tells us that strange parable of a landowner who hired labourers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard, but paid the identical living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity. It illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into this inexhaustible divine supply. This story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs. The parable teaches us that human reasoning and man's expectations about reward, are not the standards God uses to determine eternal reward.

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.

ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL & ST RAPHAEL, THE ARCHANGELS



Les saints archanges
Michael Raphael Gabriel

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Angels—messengers from God
God our Father,
in a wonderful way you guide the work of angels and men. May those who serve you constantly in heaven keep our lives safe from all harm on earth. Amen.

St Michael, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
St Gabriel, intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy: As thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers may we receive strength of faith and courage of spirit, and thus find favor with God and redemption through Christ Our Lord.
St Raphael, help us in all our needs and trials of this life, We humbly seek thine aid and intercession, that our souls may be healed, our bodies protected from all ills, and that through divine grace we may be made fit to dwell in the eternal Glory of God in heaven. Amen.

Feast Day
September 29

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

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

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the market place
and said to them, ‘‘You go to my vineyard too and I
will give you a fair wage.’’ So they went. At about
the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he
went out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them, ‘‘Why have you
been standing here idle all day?’’ ‘‘Because no one
has hired us’’ they answered. He said to them, ‘‘You
go into my vineyard too.’’

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his
bailiff, ‘‘Call the workers and pay them their wages,
starting with the last arrivals and ending with the
first.’’ So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came, they expected
to get more, but they too received one denarius each.
They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. ‘‘The
men who came last’’ they said ‘‘have done only one
hour, and you have treated them the same as us,
though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the
heat.’’

He answered one of them and said, ‘‘My friend, I am
not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to
pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no
right to do what I like with my own? Why be
envious because I am generous?’’ Thus the last will
be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any
distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to follow God’s example and show grace to our neighbours. When someone is more
successful than we are, let us assume he or she needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get
caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and got off free. We must not wish pain on
people for the sake of fairness. We become envious of others because of our lack of generosity of heart.
Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control the way God blesses others.

2) We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each of us to our
own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more
than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to God’s vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never
be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given to us by God. Hence, we should
express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our
blessings with the needy and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

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, Pat Anderson, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy,
Leo Kop, Barbara Kirk, John Richmond, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton and Janice Setter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to Abbie H who celebrates her First Holy Communion
at 5pm Vigil Mass. Please pray for Abbie on her faith journey and her family at this special time.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to John Heffernan whose Birthday is on Saturday, 23 September and
Netta Behringer who celebrates her special day on 30 September. We hope you both have a special day.

MASS TIME CHANGE: There will be **no 5pm Mass on Tuesday, 26 September.**

BODALLA MASS: Bodalla Mass this **Sunday, 24 September at 3pm.** All welcome!

VINNIES COLLECTION BASKET: **Thank you to all who continue to contribute to this much
needed initiative for Vinnies.** The following is a list of the type of food that are regularly distributed
to those in need: long life milk, tinned fruit, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned
vegetables, tea and coffee. We invite parishioners to donate one item on a monthly basis, if you are able.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next **Tuesday, 26 September** Parishioners are invited to
Marg Croese’s home (19 Costin Street, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen.**

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

WORKING WITH CHILDREN/WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE AUDIT:

Dear volunteers, thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue
to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your
dedication and support. It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in
activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People
(WWVP) card. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with
children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish
priests/staff/volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP and WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for
Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are
due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The
Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW government agencies at any time so the audit reports are an
important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with
Archdiocesan and Government requirements for WWVP/WWC. Please help us to maintain accurate
records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP/WWC is current. If you are not sure, or for more
information regarding WWCC please contact the office Monday or Friday between 9am-2pm. Thank you