

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES



Lord, You send out Your spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

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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/3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am
Reconciliation: Sat @ Moruya: 1st Saturday of the month 8:30am-9:00am before Mass
4:15pm-4:45pm before Mass
Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am **Adoration:** 40 mins before weekday Mass
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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- YEAR A -

June 24 & 25 2023

“Do Not Be Afraid”

“What you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops”

Confirmation Sunday

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgement and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, speak our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. *Amen.*



Welcome to our Confirmation

Candidates:

*Austin E, Josephine C, Makayla W, Ava B, Lilly M, Indiana T, Meeka C, India-Arie H,
Oscar G, Asher B, Grace R, Evie G,
Fiona S, Harper L, Jake P, Xavier H, Cooper H, Axel S, Darcy F, Betty D-B,
Quade Mc, Will W, Alex H*

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.



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A very warm welcome and thank you to Fr Richard Thompson, Vicar General for concelebrating Confirmation today with Fr Anthony, SSS. Thank you to Genevieve Schofield, Religious Education Co-ordinator, St Mary's and Year 6 teachers Matthew Harpley and James Campbell who have prepared the children for this important Sacrament. Thank you also to the parents and families of the Confirmation Candidates and to our Parishioners for their continuing prayers and catering for Morning Tea after the Mass today.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!”

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be
theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with
justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on
them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35.
R. v.14**

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through
sin death, and thus death has spread through the
whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin
existed in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be accused of
the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all
from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike
that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more
certain that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant
free gift.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the
Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be
afraid. For everything that is now covered will be
uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made
clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the
daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy
both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two
sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the
ground without your Father knowing. Why, every
hair on your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds
of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the
presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the
presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who
disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in
the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his
people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your
people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for
ever.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, and I
lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

THE WORD AND LIFE this week

Be not afraid: Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a
wrong decision. At other times we are afraid of what others
will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what
the future will bring. We are also afraid of growing old.
Sometimes we are afraid of what bad health will bring us. At
the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have
is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or
someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money,
health and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of
our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis
affects us, we know that God understands it better than we do ourselves. Our heavenly Father knows
exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in
the hands of a loving God. The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to
Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Also
let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God
cares—we are each a dear child of his and he cares for each of us. **“Do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows”**. The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely **“Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do
not despair. Trust in the Lord”**.

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.

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.

BODALLA MASS: Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla Church this Sunday, 25 June at 3pm.
All welcome.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: On **Tuesday, 27 June** following 5:00pm Mass, Parishioners are invited to
Jan Morris’ home (12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya) to watch and discuss the next episode of **The Chosen** (a series about
the life of Jesus).

