

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

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you again to everyone who recently volunteered to serve in a ministry within the Parish. As an update, Colleen Palise compiles the Readers Rosters and parishioners will be advised when the new Rosters come out in December. The updated Counter's Roster will be compiled in mid-February and everyone who put their names down for this will be emailed a Roster and this will also be available and displayed in the Church foyer.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next Tuesday, 28 November, after 5pm Mass, Marg Croese will be hosting The Chosen at 19 Costin Street, Moruya. All welcome.

Please note the change of date

Please join us for Mass and a picnic to celebrate the career of

Mrs. Margaret Croese



12:00 pm Thursday 30 November 2023
at Sacred Heart Church Moruya,
followed by a picnic in the gardens at St Mary's Primary School.
(Please bring a picnic, blanket and a small plate to share.)

Save the Date!

It's time for our Parish

Christmas Party

Friday, 15 December
From 5pm

Please bring a plate to share, BYO
The Presbytery garden setting
Please join us



NOVEMBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
envelopes are available in the Church
foyer for Parishioners who wish to offer
Masses for their loved ones.

Prayer for
Peace in the Middle East

*Lord Jesus Christ,
The Holy Land is once again struck by violence,
hatred and death. Lord, look with mercy upon
the land that was your earthly home.*

*Receive the deceased into your presence,
Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or
forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of
fear and despair.*

*You are our peace and the light of the nations,
put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering
in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.
Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites.
You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in
your Love.
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen*

MASS AND PICNIC: To honour Margaret Croese on **Thursday, 30 November, 12pm SHC.**

K-5 AWARDS & KINDER NATIVITY: **Tuesday, 5 December 6pm,** St Mary's Parishioners welcome.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS: **Thursday, 7 December 12pm,** Sacred Heart Church.

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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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:** 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - YEAR A -

25 & 26 November 2023



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**The lamb who was slain
is worthy to receive
strength and divinity,
wisdom and honour;
to him be glory
and power for ever**

King of Kings Throughout the centuries this world has seen kings come and kings go. But there is one King who is eternal: **Christ the King**. The last Sunday of the liturgical year is dedicated to Christ as King of our Universe, of our hearts and of our lives. Christ preached many parables on the Kingdom. He stressed that the Kingdom begins within us—with a change of hearts in our relationship with God and our fellow man.

Today's **gospel** reminds us that the man on the cross is not an object to frighten naughty kids, but our King and saviour who died for us, promising us eternal life. **Today we are celebrating the Feast of Christ the King.** 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. On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are given an opportunity to recommit ourselves to him, for we know so well that without him there can be "no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations". **His is an eternal and universal Kingdom, a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace.**

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 Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son

himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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 said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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, 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, Pauline de Grave and Brian Fee.

CONGRATULATIONS: Deacon Paul Rummery celebrates 22 years of his ordination on 1 December. Well done Deacon Paul!

BAPTISM: Congratulations to **Jed Afflick** who will be Baptised this Sunday and welcome to the Afflick family on this special day.

WELL WISHES: Our thoughts are with John Heffernan who recently underwent an operation in Sydney. Get well John and we hope to see you soon!

GARDEN WORKING BEE: Please come along on **Saturday, 2 December at 10am** and bring your gardening gloves, rakes, whipper snippers and buckets and let's tidy up the Church grounds for the festive Christmas season.