

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—10.45am



WALKING TOGETHER ADVENT PROGRAM: Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21st November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE: The next event for women of the archdiocese is a reflection afternoon on 6 November from 3-4pm. Once again, we are using Zoom to enable wider participation. The session *Widening Our Gaze: fostering compassion and courage* is an interactive session exploring how times of crisis shape us individually and as community and how we might contribute and respond with compassion. For 2022 please **CLAIM THE DATE 4 March** as the date for Dinner at the Southern Cross Club. To register for this event, the Parish contact is Susie McCosker 0426 820 860.

2021 CATECHIST RETREAT: Inviting all Catechists and those involved in any Childrens Ministry to a **Morning Retreat with Archbishop Christopher Prowse** on Saturday, 27 November, 9:45-1:00pm at Cobargo School of the Arts Hall, 20 Cobargo Bermagui Road, Cobargo * concluding with Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish at 12pm. This is a free event and participants for this event need to be fully vaccinated. More info: catechists@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 9826.

ALL SAINTS DAY: On this feast of All Saints we remember the countless multitude of men, women and children, including many we have known, who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy, and courage. We take comfort in knowing that from their home in heaven they intercede for us still.



ALL SOULS DAY: We are reminded of our unity with all who have died. They are our 'brothers and sisters' and we express our unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls. Encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God is preparing a banquet for all peoples, we pray on this day not only for our loved ones, and the members of the Christian community who have died but for all the departed. Mass on Tuesday, 2 November at 5:30pm.

HOSPITALITY GROUP: May I request all the members of the Hospitality group to come for a meeting in the Kennedy Room on Thursday, 4 November at 5pm.

SACRED HEART LEAGUE: Members are requested to return to the weekly Friday Mass and Adoration as the Covid-19 restrictions are eased. May I also invite many more Parishioners to join Friday Mass and Adoration.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 22 Children are preparing for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 14 November. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

FIRST COLLECTION & SECOND COLLECTION: In the past we had stopped first and second collections due to Covid restrictions. **Now it is time to resume our first and second collections being taken separately.** Collectors will come around but are not allowed to pass the plate. Thank you for your co-operation and continued generosity. We encourage you to join Direct Debit or use Tap & Go facility.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.



For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR B -

October 30 & 31 2021

**“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD ...
... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF”**

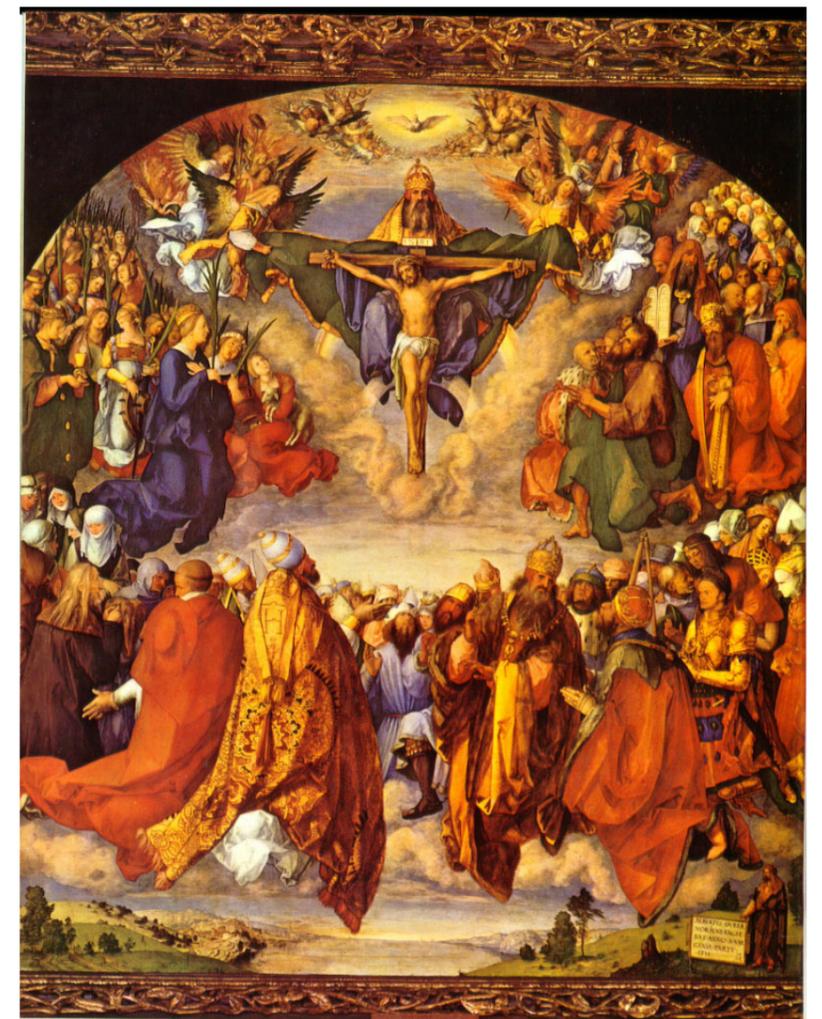
In today's Gospel, Jesus refers back to today's First Reading, the great Old Testament prayer known as the "Schema," which our Jewish brethren know as well as we do the Our Father. "Hear, O Israel" it begins; "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" In Hebrew it reads, phonetically: "Sh'ma Yisrael. Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echod".

"The Lord is our God." Through Christian Revelation we know that this Lord, this our Lord and God, revealed himself in human nature, Jesus of Nazareth, who became our eternal High Priest, and in whom we see and embrace God. Today's **Second Reading** accents this Revelation. The principal moments at which this Revelation is accomplished in our lives occur through the sacraments, supremely so in the Eucharist, in which Jesus—the same Jesus of Nazareth who once walked our earth and died on a cross for us—literally comes to embrace us as the risen Lord.

Isn't this why we hold the Eucharist as the most precious God-gift in our lives? Isn't this why we approach the Eucharist as frequently as we can: weekly, as a rule, more often if we can? There is a Church precept, we know, reminding us to receive Communion at least during the Easter time, ie, from the period beginning with the First Sunday of Lent through to and including Trinity Sunday. But this precept is simply meant as a crutch for those who require regulations as a means toward mature growth. (Continued on Page 3).

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 Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men

subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

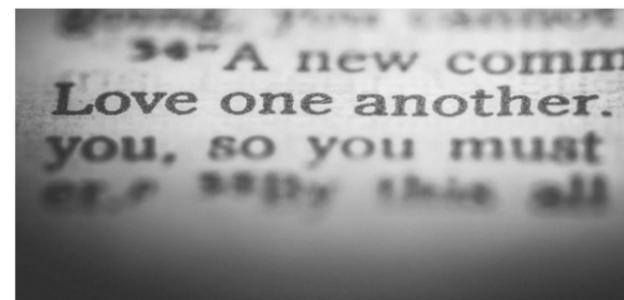
P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong

Communion Antiphon: Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

THE WORD AND LIFE ... this week (continued from Page 1)

Christianity is not a system of regulations: rather it is a way of life, a desire to embrace and live in and by the living Lord Jesus. Pope Pius X, in his famed 1905 decree on frequent communion, entitled "The Holy Synod of Trent", reaffirmed the Church's perennial doctrine when he wrote: "Frequent and daily Communion, as a thing most earnestly desired by Christ our Lord and by the Catholic Church, should be open to all the faithful ... so that no one who is in the state of grace, and who approaches the holy table with a right and devout intention, can lawfully be hindered therefrom.

"A right intention consists in this: that he who approaches the holy table should do so, not out of routine or vainglory or human respect, but for the purpose of pleasing God, of being more closely united with him by charity, and of seeking this divine remedy for his weaknesses and defects."

The reference to the "state of grace", we all understand. It means absence of mortal sin.

Confession, like Communion, should be frequent in one's life, for it constitutes an encounter with the living Lord Jesus. Again, there is a Church precept requiring Confession at least annually during the Easter season. But this is also a crutch for those who need norms. Sacramental confession is always required as an ordinary means of forgiveness from mortal sin. But it is the Church's clear teaching that frequent sacramental confession should be encouraged. The Catholic who approaches Penance monthly, or even weekly, literally encounters the Lord Jesus as compassionate Judge and Healer in a mystery so awesome that the very thought of it should bring us to our knees. "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone". We say this—Jesus is Lord—especially when we sincerely approach him in sacramental Penance and the Eucharist.

SAINTS: OUR MODEL INTERCESSORS

We all need people to look up to; people whose lives embody ideals we hold important and strive to emulate. Every form of human community has heroes. In Australian society, football stars are an obvious example. The Australia Day Honours List awards the outstanding achievements of our citizens.

'The Church community, too, is full of heroes and heroines. From the earliest days, it honoured the Apostles and the Christian martyrs who witnessed to their faith in Jesus even to the point of death. From generation to generation, the Church has continued to add to this list particular men and women, holding them up as examples of what it means to live a Christ like life, so that we can learn from them and imitate their qualities'. **All Saints Day is Monday, 1 November 2021. All Souls Day is Tuesday, 2 November.**

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: Cath Hulse, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Lesley Cornish, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus,,Kay Morton and Rod McDonald.

CONDOLENCES: Graham Beer's sister Eileen-Mary Carey sadly passed away this week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Josephine and Deacon Paul Rummery celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, 29 October. Congratulations Josephine and Deacon Paul!

BIRTHDAYS: Andy McCosker celebrated his birthday on 28 October and Jo Rummery celebrates her Birthday on 7 November. Happy Birthday!

MENALIVE KICKSTART ZOOM MEETING: Australian Catholics Bishops Conference, in association with menALIVE are really pleased to announce **Kickstart**, which will be facilitated by menALIVE for the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. **Kickstart** will run on **Monday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th November from 7:30 - 8:30pm**. Sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men to come together to engage with the theme **'Brothers, what must we do?'** hosted by Robert Falzon and Jude Hennesy of Wollongong. To join a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Kickstart ACT - menALIVE Zoom Meeting Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm Dates: Monday, 1st Nov, 8th Nov, 15th Nov Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404429124> Contact: Tim Cahill 0428288927 timjcahill@gmail.com