



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

Mrs. Margaret Croese



12:00 pm Friday 17 November 2023
St Mary's Performing Arts Centre

Please bring a picnic, blanket and a small plate to share.





You are invited!

Sacred Heart Spring BBQ

Dear Parishioners

We warmly invite you to our Parish BBQ. We will be having a Parish gathering with sausages, salads and dessert to celebrate our beautiful Parish community together with First Holy Communion children 2023.

When - Saturday 4th November
Where - Parish garden
Time - after 5.00pm Vigil Mass
RSVP – 3/11/2023

Please email the Parish Office: moruya@cg.org.au or leave your name on the sheet in the Church foyer

BYO drinks

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is a special time to pray for the dead. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church *“Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven”*. *Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo 2016*

Eternal rest grant to 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.

NOVEMBER MASS envelopes **MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** are available in the Church foyer for Parishioners to offer Masses for their dearly departed.

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

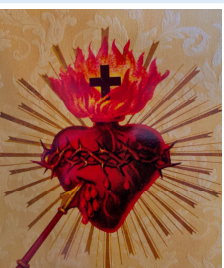
HOLY LAND CONFLICT: Pope Francis has called for peace: *“Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!”* At this time let us pray for peace. For now, prayer is the best answer.

MISSION SUNDAY—THANK YOU: We would like to thank you for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality. Thank you all again most sincerely and if you haven't already, please return your envelopes by next week.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- YEAR A -

November 4 & 5 2023

To be a true Christian is to serve

The central theme of today's readings is a strong invitation and challenge to render humble, selfless, diligent, committed and loving service to others in the community without expecting honour or rewards.

In the **first reading**, the prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud and lazy priests of his day. In the **epistle**, St Paul presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in a serving Christian community.

In today's **gospel**, Jesus offers a word of judgement against contemporary religious leaders who are more concerned about self-promotion than service to others. Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from an authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians. There should be in leaders no double standards, but rather a deep sense of equality with, and mutual respect between leaders and those they rule, and a desire in both to serve. Service, not status, is the mark of this new community, and true humility is the only position its members should seek.



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 salvation!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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 Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some

human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

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

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) We need to become servant leaders in a serving community: The church is a servant community in which those who hunger are to be filled; the ignorant are to be taught; the homeless to receive shelter; the sick to be cared for; the distressed, consoled; and the oppressed, set free, so that they may more fully realise their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. Hence, the leaders should have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed. "The *measure of a truer Christian is not how many servants he has, but how many men he serves*".

2) We need to live the faith we profess: Religious people are all too often like the Pharisees and scribes, laying heavy loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. Instead of judging the poor, we should be serving them through our efforts for economic justice. Instead of criticising those of others races, we should be serving them through our efforts for racial justice. Instead of ignoring the homeless, we should be serving them through efforts to supply them with adequate housing. We have to live the faith we profess. Our faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same heavenly Father. The only way to practice our faith is to build a human community of love and justice. The first step in accomplishing this goal is to acknowledge our own failings and to show the good will to ask for forgiveness.

3) We need to learn the art of self-criticism and accept the responsibilities which go with our titles: Instead of criticising others for their failures, let us ask whether we are different from them in discharging our duties in the family and in the parish community. Let us remember that our titles should remind us of our specific responsibilities in society and our obligation to discharge them faithfully.

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, Barbara Kirk, Miriam Turnbull, Natasha Morton, Janice Setter, Pauline de Grave and Brian Fee.

BIRTHDAYS: A very Happy Birthday to Josephine Rummery who will be celebrating her special day on 7 November. We hope you have a lovely day with family and friends.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to Carol Macnamara and family on the passing of Ron on 25 October. Ron was a long-time Tuross Parishioner; may he rest in peace.

PARISH MISSION: Unfortunately Outreach Mission Coordinator Brian Welsh has had to postpone his visit to Moruya on 25 and 26 November due to work commitments. A new date will be advised shortly, possibly February 2024.

VOLUNTEER WITH VINNIES: Vinnies are calling for volunteers for their Shopfront in Queen Street, Moruya. If you have a few hours a week to spare, please consider volunteering for this worthwhile cause. No long-term commitment is required. A notice is in the Church foyer with more details.

EVANGELISATION PROGRAM: Next Tuesday, 7 November after 5pm Mass, Jan Morris will be hosting The Chosen at 12 Shorthorn Close, Moruya.