

# SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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**Mass Times:**

**Moruya:** Sat: Vigil 6:00pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 9:15am, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am/1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

**Reconciliation:** Sat @ Moruya: 5:15-5:45pm before Mass

**Tuross Mass:** Sun: 8am

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Devotions: Daily Rosary and Saturdays 9:30am Adoration 40 mins before weekday Mass



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 5 & 6 2022

## He is not a God of the dead but the living “We need to offer living worship to a living God”

As we near the end of the Church's liturgical year, the **readings** become more eschatological—having to do with the end times. The main theme of **today's readings** is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The **readings** invite us to consider the true meaning of the resurrection in our lives.

The **first reading** states the first century BC Jewish theology of martyrdom and the resurrection of the just. The intense sufferings to which good Jews were subjected brought them to the conviction that the justice of God would reward the faithful in the afterlife, and would also punish the wicked. The **second reading** was meant to encourage the Thessalonians who were waiting for the Parousia (the second coming of Christ, the resurrection of the dead and the rapture of the living), to trust in the fidelity of God. It was also meant to open their eyes to the fact that the Lord would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same theme of the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today's **gospel** passage.

Today's **gospel** affirms the victory of God and God's love over the power of death. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living, who promises that the ones who will rise to life in Heaven are God's children. The **gospel** shows us how Jesus ingeniously escaped from a doctrinal trap set for him and explained the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead which was supported by the Pharisees but denied by the Sadducees. Jesus also explains that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life and that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense.

**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 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

**(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of  
your glory. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

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

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 20:27-38

P: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

## **THE WORD AND LIFE this week ....**

**1) We need to live as people of the resurrection:** This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord who gives us the assurance that our bodies also will be raised. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. An awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Spirit of the living God (Jn 11:27; Acts 14:14; Rom 9:26; 1 Thess 1:9; 1 Tim 3:15, 4:10, 6:17; 2 Cor3:3, 6:16; Heb3:12, 9:12, 10:31, 12:22; Rev 7:2) will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory should also inspire us to honour our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.

**2) We need to offer living worship to a living God:** The reason we come together each week and pray for the needs of the community, share the Word and break the Bread is that we have faith and hope in a living God who loves us and whom we love. If God is the God of the living, does it not imply that worship of this God also has to be alive? Our worship services and relationship to God must be life-giving rather than life-draining experiences. Unfortunately, Holy Mass and other worship services are often described as “dead” or “boring”. Even church volunteers sometimes complain of being exhausted in their work. The proclamation that our God is the God of the living has to mean something positive to us. It should affect our lives today and every day, especially during our Sunday worship. In response, our participation in prayers and songs during the Holy Mass should be active and our behaviour in church reverent, though not gloomy. As we continue our Eucharist celebration and gather around the table of the Lord, let us give thanks to Almighty God for this foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet that awaits us in the place that God has prepared for us.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya, and the sick members of our Parish: Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry, Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysse, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny McCaskill, Annette Moore, Annette and John Nader, John Harnett, Ross Hay, Bernard and Peter Collins, Taine Woodford and Jaijing Greenwood.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Josephine Rummery** is celebrating her milestone **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on 7 November. Deacon Paul has organised a gathering this **Sunday, 6 November** at 29 Beach Street, Tuross from 2pm. Please feel free to pop in and bring a plate to share and congratulate Jo on this momentous occasion. Deacon Paul can be contacted on 0427 447 381 for more information.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Please note **Tuesday, 8 November** Mass will be at **9:15am not 5:30pm**.

**CLERGY RETREAT:** Fr Eden will be attending the Clergy Retreat from 14-18 November therefore there will be no weekday masses during that week. Please keep the Clergy in your prayers.

**MISSION WEEK:** On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, St Mary’s students will be attending a Whole School Mass for Mission Week at 9:15am and this Mass will be followed by Mission Week Fundraising Stalls back at the school. Commencing at 10am until 11:30am, each class will have stalls set up where they are selling goods to raise money for Caritas. There will be a bake stall and White Elephant stall just to name a few. All parishioners are warmly invited to join in.

**ART FOR LEISURE:** **Art for Leisure** artists are working harder than ever creating their masterpieces for the mini Art Exhibition scheduled for **20 November**. The pieces will be exhibited prior to the sale on Sunday, **13 November**. 20% off the purchase price goes to the Parish. Bert Broekhuysse will address the congregation this weekend.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** *All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas, is a Christian solemnity which was celebrated on 1 November in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.*



**ALL SOULS DAY:** *All Souls' Day, in Roman Catholicism, is a day for commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptised Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. All Souls was observed on November 2.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** Envelopes are available in the Church foyer for Masses for the Holy Souls.

**ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING:** "Archbishop's Day of Teaching" - **Saturday, 12 November 2022** at St Peter Chaneles Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>. Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326

**MORNING TEA:** All are very welcome to come along for Morning Tea after 10am Mass in the Kennedy Room, next to the Presbytery. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for your ongoing support!

We would like to thank you again for your generosity to the recent Catholic Mission Appeal., whether it be through a one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner. Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are working together to help support those in most need, like Neela\* and her family, by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to lend your support once again, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia) or scan the QR code below today. \*Name altered to protect identity.



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