



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Church in Australia celebrates the **Sunday of the Word of God** on the first Sunday in February—February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the **Word of God**.

VINNIE’S CONFERENCE NEWS: The members of our Conference would like to wish all of our parishioners, school teachers and students a very happy New Year. Because of your generosity we collected \$920.60 for our Christmas appeal along with an abundance of non perishable food and we were able to use these donations to provide food hampers and toys to people in our Community who are struggling financially. Our office, located below the op-shop, continues to operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 10am and 12midday. We are able to assist people with food support, clothing and household goods and in some instances Government grants for power bills. You do not need to make an appointment but if you wish to contact the Conference our number is 6234 7404. If the phone is not manned at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you

SACRED HEART LEAGUE MORUYA: is a confraternity of like-minded (men and women of the Parish) coming together for a period of time with a common interest of achieving personal sanctification through their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and thus inspiring the entire Parish.

We welcome you into a membership devoted to growing in your relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and promoting this great devotion. Members of the Sacred Heart League make a commitment of weekly gatherings in an hour of Adoration and prayerfully promote the mission of the Parish. Our current members are: Susanne McDonald, Paddy Pollock, Norma O’Connor, Sue McCosker, Rhonda Zammit, Eugene Zammit, Pauline Parnell, Ron Parnell, Noeleen Norman, Jan Morris and Louise Strahlendorf.

-We welcome all Parishioners to join our Friday devotion to Sacred Heart-



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Mass Times:
Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00 pm Sun: 10.00am
 Tue: 5.30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am
 Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am **Bodalla Mass:** 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm
 Schools: St Mary’s Moruya: 4474 2817 Carroll College Broulee: 4471 5600
 Caring Group: Tuross Head: 0497 315 534 Moruya: 0431 354 993
 Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after Mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays: 9.45—10.45am

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WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path” (Ps 119: 105)



What shines forth in all the three individuals who figure in the **readings of today** (Isaiah, Paul and Peter) is their awareness of their unworthiness, and so their dependence on God and God’s grace. The voice of God that echoes in the heavenly court at the time of Isaiah, the bolt of lightning that struck Paul down from his horse and the voice of Jesus that called Peter continue to ask “*Whom shall I send?*” This is because, though God is all powerful and almighty and omnipotent, He does not work alone but continues to work in and through collaboration with human beings. We can respond to this voice in a variety of ways. One way is to ignore it completely and pretend that we have not heard it and continue doing what we are comfortably doing. Another way is to give in to a false sense of humility and think that it could never be calling us because we are incapable, not talented enough and not holy enough. A third way is to realise that it is the voice calling to us, but to pay no heed to it because the task ahead is too daunting and we cannot trust God enough. However, there is also the way of Isaiah, Paul and Peter. It is to hear the voice, realise our own unworthiness and even as we acknowledge this, to know that we will engage in a mission not on our own, but that He will go ahead of us guiding our path and lighting our way. It is to know that although we are of unclean lips, a touch of the Lord can make us clean and whole. It is to know that the grace of God is with us at all times. It is to know that with the Lord by our side, we can become fishers of women and men.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God. **Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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 Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord
of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send?
Who will be our messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels

I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

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

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

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

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE WORD AND LIFE this week ...

1) Let our encounter with the holiness of God lead us to recognize our sinfulness. The good news of today's gospel is that our sinfulness—our pride and self-centeredness—does not repel God. Our God is a God who gives sinners a new start. It is important that we acknowledge our sinfulness. Our response must be modelled on that of the tax collector in the parable: "*Lord be merciful to me, a sinner*" (Luke 18:13). The recognition of our inadequacy and sin is necessary for us to be willing and able to receive transformation by God's grace. Isaiah, Paul and Peter teach us that even the greatest ones among us stand in need of conversion. God, who calls us and commissions us for His service, wants us to realise His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in our life circumstances as He shall direct.

2) We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for the Lord. Today's world desperately needs a "revival of reverence". We need both to recognise God as God and to express that reverence for God through appropriate gestures. For example, when we come into church we enter the presence of Jesus dwelling in the tabernacle. We need to remember that this is his house, a part of heaven, and we need to express that remembrance by making a deep bow toward the tabernacle, or, if we are able to kneel, by genuflecting on the right knee, before we enter the pew. We should offer him the same reverent recognition as we leave the church and his sacramental presence. We might also remember to give a slight bow of the head whenever we hear, or say, the name of Jesus. The regulation of bowing one's head before receiving Communion is another beautiful act of reverence. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to the reverent, respectful love of our neighbour. Mother Teresa loved people because she saw Jesus in them. That was the same Jesus whom she revered and experienced in the Holy Eucharist. This means that we, too, will have many daily experiences of Christ. So the heart of our mission as Christians is really to find him hidden in our neighbours, and to accept his challenge to us—to love him, to have compassion on him, to practice justice toward him, to be kind to him. Then it becomes easier for us to forgive injury as he did, and to be reconciled to those with whom we have difficulties. Thus, our mission as his disciples is to seek, to find, and to respond to Him in all people and events.

3) Each of us has a unique mission in the Church. This is why God has a different call for each of us. Each of us is unique, so each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill. God will use all of us, and particularly what is unique in us, to bring this mission to fulfillment. Our response must be like that of Isaiah: "Here I am, Lord ... send me. I'll do it. I'll play my part. I'll speak to that neighbour, that co-worker, that friend, that relative. I'll talk to my daughter about the way she is rearing her children. I'll keep my mouth shut and refuse to gossip or criticise my co-workers or my bosses. I'll pray every day. I'll learn to listen patiently to those in need. I'll do it".

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Sylvia and Cletus Heffernan, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysen, Trish Tarlinton, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Rod McDonald, and Kaye Shephard.

CONDOLENCES: the funeral for John Verrell (Fr Luke Verrell's father) was held on Friday 4th February at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Narooma. Fr Luke is the Parish Priest at Bega.

COVID PROTOCOLS: All are welcome to our services at Sacred Heart. If you are unwell please do not enter. Please remember to follow current covid rules which include the wearing of face masks, social distancing, hand sanitising, checking in using the QR code or manually registering in the Church foyer.

ST MARY'S: Welcome back to all staff of students who commenced back in the classroom on Tuesday, 1 February. We pray 2022 will be a happy and rewarding year for all.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The first meeting for 2022 will be held on Wednesday, 9 February at 5:30pm in the Kennedy Room.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Was held on Thursday, 3 February 2022.