20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 August 2025

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O Lord, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14 (R.) Lord, come to my aid!

- 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
- 2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
- 3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
- 4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia. alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Sacred Heart Catholic Parish comprises the localities of Moruya, Moruya Heads, Broulee, Mossy Point, Congo, Tuross Heads and Bodalla.



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 August 2025

Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya

36 Queen Street, Moruya Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm **Sunday:** 10.00am,

'The Pines', Tuross 36 Craddock Rd, Tuross Head

Sunday: 8.00 am

St. Edmund's, Bodalla 162 Princes Hwy, Bodalla 4th Sunday: 12 noon

Weekday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya Tuesday: 5.00 pm

Wed, Thurs, Friday: 9.15 am

St Edmund's, Bodalla **2nd Friday:** 9.00 am

Confessions

Sacred Heart, Moruya Tuesday: After Mass.

Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4:50 pm

Adoration

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Fridays: 9:45 am (After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary

Sacred Heart, Moruya **Daily:** 9.45 am

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays: After Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya

"I have come to set fire to the earth on fire..'

Dear Parishioners,

In Luke 12:49–53, Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire—and how I wish it were already blazing!" These words might catch us off guard. We think of Jesus bringing peace—and He does—but not the kind that simply avoids conflict. His peace is born from truth, justice, and love, and it sometimes unsettles before it heals.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern for daring to speak God's word. It's a reminder that living faithfully can be costly, yet God's care never leaves us. In the second reading, Hebrews urges us to "run the race with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." He endured the cross for the joy set before Him—and calls us to the same courage. The fire Jesus speaks of is not destruction—it's passion. It's the holy spark that drives us to forgive, to stand up for what's right, to love the forgotten, and to live with integrity even when it's uncomfortable. Like fire, this faith burns away what is false and lights the way forward.

But here's the challenge: when we truly follow Jesus, not everyone will cheer us on. Some will misunderstand, even resist. That's okay—Jesus never promised the easy road. He promised life to the full. Our world needs people whose hearts burn with this kind of love—people who carry the warmth of Christ into cold places, the light of truth into dark corners, and the courage of the Gospel into places where fear has taken hold.

So this week, let's ask ourselves: Where is God calling me to ignite the fire? In my family, workplace, friendships? What old habits need to be burned away? What new light can I kindle for others? May we run our race with perseverance, knowing we never run alone. And may the fire of Christ blaze in us—refining, inspiring, and sending us out to set the world alight with His love.

Blessings, Fr. Josh

'Cor ad cor loquitor' - 'Heart speaks to heart'

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 18th - St. Helena

Tues 19th—St. John Eudes

Wed 20th—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Thu. 21th—St. Pius X

Fri. 22th Aug—Queenship of the BVM

Sat. 23rd Aug —Sat. Mass of the VM,

Sun 24th Aug—21st Sunday of O.T.



August is dedicated to the mmaculate Heart of Mary

St .Rose of Lima

THANK YOU



Thank you to our parishioners who last weekend warmly welcomed Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he installed Fr Josh as our parish priest. It was a joy and a privilege to celebrate the Installation of Fr Josh as our Parish Priest.

Thank you to all who attended the Mass and Morning Tea afterwards.

<u>FUNERAL</u>: Parishioner Michael Cooper sadly passed away last week on 9 August. Michael's funeral will be held on Friday, 22 August at 11am, Sacred Heart Church. May he rest in peace.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the Brogan family on the recent passing of Patrick on 1 August, aged 82. Patrick was formerly from Moruya.

BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday to Reign Croese who will be celebrating her Birthday on 18 August. Happy Birthday Reign!

<u>COUNTERS NEEDED URENTLY</u>: If you can please spare an hour approximately every 4th Monday to assist with the counting of the weekend's collections, please contact the Parish Office—moruya@cg.org.au or 4474 2024 (assistance and support provided).

BULLETIN: You may have noticed the weekly Bulletin has not been emailed electronically for a few weeks. The reason why parishioners have not received the Bulletin is the change over to a new IT provider NEXON for the entire Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese. Please be assured we are working on retrieving the distribution list and hope to be able to send the Bulletin electronically again in the near future and for those who do not already know, the Parish Bulletin can be assessed each week via the Moruya Parish website. Thank you to those who have been in contact with the office to advise of this and thank you for your patience as we work to rectify the issue.

2025 ST MARY'S FIRST EUCHARIST DATES:

The First Eucharist *Commitment Mass will be held on Saturday,*23 August at the 5pm Mass. First Eucharist will occur on Saturday,
13 September, 5pm Mass.

<u>SAVE THE DATE</u>: *Heart of Moruya* – a musical fundraiser for Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, 27 September at 6pm, St Mary's Hall

Recently Deceased: Michael Cooper, Trevor Bennett, Pauline Brierley, John Munce. Those who are sick and housebound: For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners, Gerry and Dianne Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Andy McCosker, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuyse, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Hans and Pauline de Grave, Father Giles Setter OFM, John Nadar, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, Janice Setter, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Viola Collaran, Sylvia Heffernan, Leo Kop, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery and John Heffernan.

NOTICES



MARY, MOTHER OF MORUYA MISSION

Our Lady of Fatima is visiting homes and classrooms!

This new parish initiative invites families and school classes to host the statue for one week, offering a special time of prayer and devotion.

A simple prayer booklet is provided.

To take part, sign up in the foyer or email the parish office.

"Where Mary is present, Jesus is near."

<u>PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?</u> Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage for information and to choose a marriage preparation program at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463

<u>VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER</u> - For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

LEAVING A GIFT TO THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL: Have you considered leaving a gift to the parish in your will? A bequest, no matter how small, is a generous way to support the ongoing mission and life of our parish for future generations. We are deeply grateful for the faith and care that such a gesture represents. If you would like more information or wish to include the parish in your will, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and love for our parish community.

GIVING AND RECEIVING: Direct Debit and a Tap N Go machine is available. **Thank you sincerely** for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collections via direct debit.

THE FIRST COLLECTION: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese.

If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a Parishioner of Sacred Heart.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA

Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA & SURNAME

THE SECOND COLLECTION: contributes to the parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: SACRED HEART PARISH, MORUYA
Bank Account: 000014984 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname

(only current Planned Givers); or Donation (for parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. Please see flyers located in the parish foyers. *Thank you for your generosity*

<u>Parish Safeguarding Commitment:</u> At Sacred Heart Parish, we're deeply committed to creating a safe, respectful, and caring environment for all children and vulnerable people. We believe everyone deserves to be heard, valued, and protected—and we work together with families to make sure their voices are always part of the conversation.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns by contacting Father Josh or the Parish Office. For matters specifically related to safeguarding, please reach out to our Parish Safeguarding Officers—Pauline Parnell, Louise Strahlendorf, or Peter Hoban—via email at moruya.safeguarding@cg.org.au. Additionally, you may contact Maria Hicks, Manager of the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or by phone on 02 6239 9806.