25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—21st September 2025

Entrance Antiphon. I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

.Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see w.1. 7

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(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

- Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
 May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
- High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
 Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
- 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

Gospel *Luke* 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st September 2025

Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya 36 Queen Street, Moruya

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm Sunday: 10.00am,

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

Sunday: 8.00am

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

Weekday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya Tuesday: 5.00pm

Wed, Thurs, Friday: 9.15am

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

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass Sacred Heart, Moruya

First Mondays: 6pm.

Confessions

Sacred Heart, Moruya Tuesday: After Mass. Saturday: 4.30pm - 4:50pm

<u>Adoration</u>

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Fridays: 9:45am (After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary

Daily: After Mass

"Prayer that Changes Hearts"

Dear Parishioners,

This 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, St Paul urges us: "I ask that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone ... This is good and pleasing to God our Saviour" (1 Tim 2:1–3). His words remind us that prayer is at the heart of our Christian life. It draws us closer to God and opens our hearts to the needs of others.

The Church teaches us five main forms of prayer:

Blessing and Adoration: God blesses us constantly, and we respond by adoring Him as Lord of our lives. *Example: sitting quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and whispering, "Lord, I adore You."*

Petition: We bring our needs to God, trusting that He listens with love. Example: "Lord, help me to be patient today," or "Guide me in my decisions.

Intercession: We pray on behalf of others—family, friends, our parish, and the wider world. *Example: "Lord, comfort the sick," or "Bless those who govern with wisdom."*

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for God's gifts, big and small. *Example: "Thank You, Lord, for my family, for food, and for this new day."*

Praise: We rejoice in God not only for what He gives, but for who He is. Example: singing joyfully at Mass, or simply saying, "God, You are good, and I love You."

Each of these forms of prayer helps us to live St Paul's call to be people of prayer "for everyone." They give shape to our relationship with God, helping us to speak with Him in every season of life.

This week, why not choose one form of prayer each day and make it your own? In doing so, we will grow as a parish rooted in prayer—grateful, compassionate, and alive in faith. Prayer not only changes our days; it transforms our hearts and brings Christ's love more deeply into our homes and community.

With every blessing and prayer for you all,

Fr. Josh

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

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 22nd — Mon 25th Week in O.T.

Tues 23rd — St. Padre Pio

Wed 24th—No Mass
(Bishop Pat Funeral in CBR)

Thurs 26th— Thurs 25th Week in O.T. Fri 27th—Fri 25th Week in O.T. Sat 27th— St. Vincent de Paul Sun 28th—26th Sunday in O.T.



September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

WELCOME BACK FR. EMIL!

This weekend we welcome back Fr Emil Milat,

who will be celebrating our parish Masses while Fr Josh attends to commitments in Canberra.

<u>A GENTLE REMINDER</u>: As many viruses are currently circulating, we kindly ask everyone to be prudent and considerate, especially as we have vulnerable parishioners among us. Simple steps like staying home if unwell, practicing good hand hygiene, and being mindful when greeting others can make a big difference. Together, let us care for one another and help limit the spread of illness in our parish community.

HEART OF MORUYA CONCERT: – a musical fundraiser for Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, 27 September at 6pm, St Mary's Hall during the River of Art Festival. Please spread the word and help promote this brilliant event!

MARIAN PROCESSION 2025: Join us on Sunday, 26 October in Goulburn for the annual Marian Procession—a joyful celebration of unity, prayer, and peace. Bring your family and friends, walk in procession, pray the Rosary, and share in Mass as we honour Our Lady and pray for peace in our world.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—ACT BRANCH

Catholic doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and medical students are invited to a Healing Mass at **St Christopher's Cathedral, 9am Saturday 27 September**. After Mass, there will be a short gathering in Haydon Hall with tea and coffee, where you can learn more and express interest in joining the new ACT branch. More info: catholicmedicine.org or contact Dr Paul Burt (dendritepb@icloud.com).

<u>LEAVING A GIFT TO THE PARISH:</u> Consider leaving a bequest to support the ongoing mission of our parish. Any gift, large or small, is deeply appreciated. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

BODALLA MASS NEXT WEEKEND: Please feel free to join us for Mass at Bodalla next weekend at 12 noon. Also feel free to join us for lunch at the Bodalla pub after Mass as well. Please join us for this great community gathering!

Recently Deceased: Bishop Pat Power, Joy Bourke, Michael Cooper.

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, Hahn and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, Tammy Whiteman, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Barbara Kirk, 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, John Heffernan and Graham Beer.

NOTICES

HEART OF MORUYA CONCERT—CATERING

Our **Heart of Moruya Concert** will be held on **Saturday, 27th September at 6pm**. During the intermission, we'll share supper together, and we'd love your help. If you can, please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food. Contributions can be left at the school hall on Saturday afternoon, before/after Mass, or before the concert begins. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this a joyful parish event. For questions, contact **Di Fee on 0417 327 625**.



FUNERAL OF BISHOP PAT POWER

In sadness we announce the death of Bishop Patrick Percival Power DD DCL Vigil Mass: Tues 23 Sept, 7 pm, St Raphael's Church, Queanbeyan Funeral Mass: Wed 24 Sept, 11 am, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka Burial: Woden Cemetery

Due to Fr. Josh attending the Funeral of Bishop Pat, there will be no Mass offered in Moruya on Wednesday. However, there will be Adoration at 9.15am.

SYNODAL SNAPS.

Everyday Faith, Everyday Synodality



Synodality is not just for big Church events. It is something we live each day at home, at work, and in our parish when we pray, listen, and walk with others as disciples of Jesus. *Reflection:* Where in my daily life can I live synodality more deeply?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me walk with You in the ordinary moments of life.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

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MORUYA ROSTERS Readers **Ministers of Holy Communion** Counters 20/21st September 27/28th September Mass 20/21st September 27/28th September 22 September 29 September SAT T. Cahill J. Wain M. Joyce F. Levi C. Cahill 5pm S. Heffernan D. Fee G. Campbell Lyn O'Connor C. Gandy SUN J. Morris P. Angus R. Zammit P. Angus 10.am J. Gillett P. Pollock

<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.