

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm s 116. R. Mk 16:15

- (R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**
- O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
 - Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

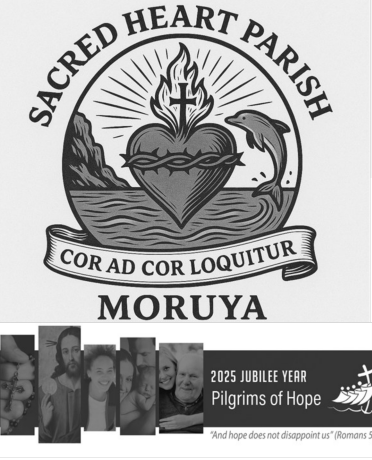
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th 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

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
Sacred Heart, Moruya
First Mondays: 6 pm.

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
Daily: After Mass

“The Narrow Door: God’s Wide Invitation, Our Personal Response”

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we hear someone ask Jesus, “*Lord, will only a few be saved?*” Instead of giving a number, Jesus points us toward action: “*Strive to enter through the narrow door.*” Salvation isn’t about being near Jesus in name or tradition—it’s about choosing to follow Him with intention and love. Isaiah, in the first reading, offers a vision of God gathering people from every nation and language into one family of faith. This is God’s dream: a vast, diverse banquet where all are welcome. Yet the second reading from Hebrews reminds us that entering this life with God often involves discipline. Like a loving parent, God shapes us through challenges, helping us grow into people of strength, faith, and peace.

Together, these readings carry a clear message: God’s invitation is wide, but our response must be personal. We cannot rely on habit, status, or cultural belonging to bring us to the Kingdom. Walking through the “narrow door” means making daily choices that reflect Christ—acts of forgiveness, courage, generosity, and faith.

Jesus also warns that some who seem “first” may find themselves outside, while those who appear “last” may be welcomed in. It’s a sobering reminder not to grow complacent in our faith or assume we’ve already “arrived.” Instead, we are called to a living, active discipleship—a life of prayer, service, and trust that constantly deepens our relationship with God.

This week, the challenge is personal: *Where is God calling me to walk more intentionally through the narrow door?* Is it in letting go of grudges, showing patience, or putting prayer back at the centre of daily life? Each step, however small, is a movement closer to Christ.

May we be strengthened by God’s love, encouraged by His discipline, and inspired by His vision of a great banquet where all nations gather. Let us run this race with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, so that when the door opens wide, we may joyfully enter and share in the feast prepared for us.

Yours on the journey,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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**For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.**

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 25th—21st Week in O.T.

Tues 26th—21st Week in O.T.

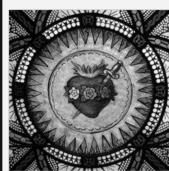
Wed 27th—St. Monica

Thu. 28th—St. Augustine

Fri. 29th —Beheading of
St. John the Baptist

Sat. 30th —Sat. Mass of the BVM

Sun 31st — 22nd Sunday of O.T.



August is
dedicated
to the
Immaculate Heart of
Mary

CONDOLENCES: Sadly, Joy Burke passed away on 21 August. Funeral details will be advised shortly. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP VISIT: The Catholic Bookshop from Canberra will be joining us at this weekend's Masses. Take some time to browse their wonderful selection of books and gifts, and purchase anything that inspires you. Let's give Liz and her team a warm welcome to our parish community!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS: A special welcome to our children and parents who commit to undertaking the sacramental preparation for First Communion this weekend. Please make them welcome as they begin their time of intentionally coming to Mass in preparation for the sacrament.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Mark Strahlendorf and Norma Beer who celebrate birthdays this week. Happy Birthday!

BODALLA MASS: This Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at St. Edmund's in Bodalla at 12 noon. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Mass and to gather afterwards for lunch at the pub.

COUNTERS NEEDED: 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: The weekly Bulletin has not been emailed recently due to the Archdiocese's transition to a new IT provider, NEXON. We are working to restore the distribution list and hope to resume emails soon. In the meantime, the Bulletin is available each week on the Moruya Parish website. Thank you for your patience and to those who contacted the office about this issue.

STAND FOR LIFE: The Australian Christian Lobby is hosting the 3rd annual Babies Booties event on Wednesday 27 August 2025, 11:30am—1:30pm at Parliament House, Canberra. The event raises awareness of the tragedy of abortion and honours the many lives lost each year. Pro-life MPs and Senators will speak, and participants will pray for laws that better protect unborn children.

More details and registration: acl.org.au/babybooties
Parking is available at and around Parliament House.

Recently Deceased: Joy Burke, Michael Cooper, Pauline Brierley, Trevor Bennet, 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 Broekhuysse, 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, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, 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, John Heffernan and Michel Nader.

NOTICES

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.

SAVE THE DATE: *Heart of Moruya* – a musical fundraiser for Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, 27 September at 6pm, St Mary's Hall during the River of Art Festival.



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. To take part, please email the parish office. *"Where Mary is present, Jesus is near."*

PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Please contact Fr. Josh to begin the process.

For more information and to choose a marriage preparation program at www.marriagefamily.org.au.

For enquiries please call the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER - 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***

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: 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.