

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

- (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**
- 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
 - 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
 - 3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of

our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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!

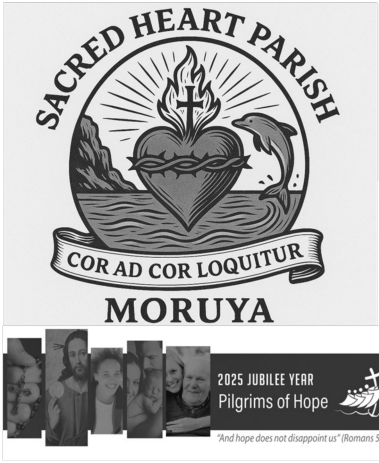
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’



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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th 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

Adoration
Sacred Heart, Moruya
Fridays: 9:45am
(After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary
Daily: After Mass

Fighting the Good Fight of Faith

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, St Paul encourages Timothy with words full of hope: *“Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called”* (1 Tim 6:12). These words remind us that faith is not passive—it is a living, vibrant journey. Even when life feels uncertain or heavy, keeping our eyes fixed on Christ anchors us in hope and strengthens us to persevere. Faith calls us to live intentionally, to embrace God’s love, and to trust in His plan even when the path is not clear. To “fight the good fight” is about choosing what is lasting and true in a world full of distractions. Paul reminds us that real richness is found not in possessions or status, but in a heart wholly devoted to God. Each day offers opportunities to live our faith through kindness, forgiveness, prayer, and generosity. Even when challenges arise, our faith becomes an anchor, guiding us, giving courage, and inspiring hope.

As you have seen with our visits from Frs. Emil and Anthony, I have had to travel back to Canberra on a semi-regular basis. This is because, before coming to Moruya, I made certain commitments there that still need to be honoured. Please know, however, that my commitment to Moruya is unwavering—this parish is my heart, my main focus, and the centre of my ministry. It will not be long until these trips are dramatically reduced, allowing me to be more fully present with you. Even now, wherever I celebrate a Sunday Mass, I offer it each weekend for you, our parish family here in Moruya, and I carry you all in prayer and thought.

As we reflect on Paul’s words this Sunday, may they inspire us to persevere in faith, lift one another up in hope, and live with courage in our daily lives. Let us take joy in the small moments—sharing a kind word with a neighbour, praying with our children, or welcoming someone new to our parish. These acts of love and faith help our parish grow stronger, and they remind us that hope is alive in each of us.

With every blessing and prayer,

Fr Josh

‘Cor ad cor loquitor’ - ‘Heart speaks to heart’

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Moruya

Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 29th —Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
Raphael, Archangels.

Tues 30th — St. Jerome

Wed 1st June —St. Therese
of Lisieux

Thurs 2nd — The Guardian Angels

Fri 3rd — Fri of 25th Week in O.T.

Sat 4th — St. Francis of Assisi

Sun 5th—27th Sunday in O.T.



**September
is dedicated to
Our Lady
of Sorrows.**



CONGRATULATIONS!

To those **children who received their First Holy Communion recently.**

Please pray that they may come to love Jesus truly present

in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Carlo Acutis —pray for us!



CONGRATULATIONS!

We joyfully congratulate **Ashley Hill**, who was recently baptised and received her First Holy Communion through our new RCIC

(*Rite of Christian Initiation for Children*) program.

Please keep Ashley, along with all our RCIC children, in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith.

If you know of any children who are not yet fully initiated into the Sacraments and whose parents

would like to support them on this journey, we warmly invite you to contact Fr. Josh for more information.

HEART OF MORUYA—GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

As part of the Eurobodalla River of Art Festival, *Heart of Moruya* will be held at St Mary's Performing Arts Centre, Queen Street, on **Saturday 27 September at 6pm.**

Enjoy an evening of gospel music featuring local performers, with proceeds supporting the historic Sacred Heart Church. Supper at 7pm.

Entry by donation (EFT available).



Heart of Moruya Concert – Supper

Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food to share during the intermission on **Sat 27 Sept, 6pm.** Drop-off: school hall Sat afternoon, before/after Saturday Mass, or before the concert.

Contact: Di Fee 0417 327 625.

Recently Deceased: John Brown, Rosemary Mylott, Bishop Pat Power, Joy Bourke.
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

FIRST SATURDAY ANOINTING MASS: Next Saturday we will be celebrating our monthly First Saturday Anointing Mass. Mass begins at 9am followed by Confessions and Adoration. Benediction will occur at the conclusion of Confessions.

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.

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Mark and Sharon Collins who will be celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary on 1 October.

VINNIES APPEAL: On the weekend of the 4th and 5th of October we will be conducting a leaving collection after each of the weekend Masses. Money raised will enable us to not only support the people in need from our region but also two St Vincent de Paul Conferences in India who we sponsor on a regular basis. We are also very grateful for your continued support in providing food donations to the basket located in the Church entrance. God's blessings to you all, Moruya Conference.



SYNODAL SNAPS

Listening to God's Word

A synodal Church begins by listening.

We listen to Scripture, to God in prayer, and to one another.

God speaks through His Word and through the voices of His people.

Reflection: Am I listening carefully to God's Word and to the people around me?

Prayer: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Direct Debit and Tap N Go are available. Thank you for your generosity.

If possible, consider donating to the 1st and 2nd collections via direct debit.

1ST COLLECTION – *Supports Arch. Clergy*

Direct Debit (include "Sacred Heart Parish"):

BSB: 062-786 | **Account:** 000029248 | **Reference:**

Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya & Surname

2ND COLLECTION – *Supports the Parish*

Direct Debit / Bank Deposit:

BSB: 062-786 | **Account:** 000014984 | **Reference:**

Planned Giving # & Surname (current givers) or
"Donation" (new givers)

MORUYA ROSTERS						
Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	27/28 September	4/5 October	27/28 September	4/5 October	29 September	7 October
SAT 5pm	M. Joyce C.Cahill	J. Heffernan C. Palise	T. Cahill	F. Levi	G. Campbell C. Gandy	R. Parnell T. Chatto
SUN 10.am	R. Zammit P. Pollock	B. Gillett H. Browne	J. Morris	G. Campbell		

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.