

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

First Reading **Sirach.3:17-20, 28-29** **Gospel Acclamation** **Matt 11:29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man’s malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage’s dream.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**
(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
- 2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
- 3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

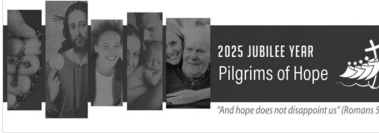
Second Reading **Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a ‘first-born son’ and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 14:1. 7-14.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’
Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Moruya

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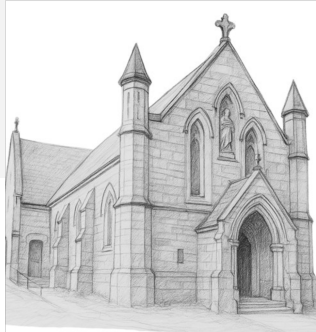
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Year C

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st 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: 8.00am

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

“Choosing the Lower Place: The Joy of Humility”

Dear Parishioners,
This Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7–14) invites us into the heart of Jesus’ teaching on humility. At a banquet, Jesus notices how guests choose the places of honour for themselves. He gently turns their thinking upside down, saying: *“When you are invited, go and sit at the lowest place... For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*
It’s a striking reminder that God’s Kingdom doesn’t run on status, power, or recognition. Instead, it grows in humility, service, and generosity. To follow Christ is to let go of self-promotion and to live in a way that lifts others up.

In the first reading, from Ecclesiasticus, we’re told that *“conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.”* Humility isn’t weakness—it’s wisdom. It allows us to see life and people as God sees them. And in the second reading, Hebrews paints the image of the heavenly Jerusalem, reminding us that our lives are leading us toward a banquet where God Himself is host, and where true honour is given not to the proud but to the faithful. Jesus goes further in the Gospel by challenging us about who we invite into our lives. Instead of only sharing meals with friends, relatives, or those who can repay us, He calls us to welcome the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind—the people who have nothing to give back. This is the heart of Christian love: to give freely, without expectation, because that’s exactly how God loves us.

So this week, let’s reflect: where is God inviting us to choose the “lower place”? Who in our lives might need to be lifted up by a word of kindness, an act of generosity, or an open seat at our table?

May we learn the joy of humility, the freedom of self-forgetful love, and the blessing of welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us. And when the great banquet of heaven is revealed, may we be found in the company of the humble, sharing in God’s glory.

Many blessings for the week ahead,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Moruya

Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1st Sept—22nd Week O.T

Tues 2nd — 22nd Week O.T.

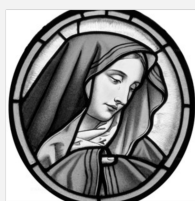
Wed 3rd—St. Gregory the Great

Thurs 4th—22nd Week O.T.

Fri 5th—22nd Week O.T.

Sat 6th—Sat. Mass of the B.V.M.

Sun 7th—23rd Sunday of O.T.



September
is dedicated to
Our Lady
of Sorrows.



WELCOME FR. ANTHONY!

A special welcome back to

Fr. Anthony Riosa SSS

who will be presiding at Masses
this weekend whilst Fr. Josh attends
to commitments in Canberra.

A GENTLE REMINDER: 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.

THANKYOU: A big thank you to those who came to Mass and lunch at Bodalla last weekend! It was a great occasion for faith and fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Ali Simmons and Todd Collett who will marry at Sacred Heart this Saturday, 30 August. We wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Year 4 First Eucharist Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 13 September at 5pm Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this sacrament.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Thank you to those who responded regarding joining the Counters Roster. The new roster has now been updated and emailed. Hard copies are also available in the Church foyer.

BULLETIN: The parish distribution list has been restored and hopefully most parishioners received last weekend's Bulletin electronically. If you did not receive it, and you would like to, please email the office moruya@cg.org.au and leave your email address and it will be added to the list. Thank you all for your patience whilst we were working on this.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY: For those interested in a Catholic teaching career, please join us at the ACU - Canberra campus for Open Day: 11am - 2pm, Saturday, 13 September. For more information, go to <https://openday.acu.edu.au/> or contact futurestudy.CBR@acu.edu.au.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL—to support retired Priests. Next Week

Recently Deceased: Joy Bourke, Michael Cooper, Pauline Brierley, Trevor Bennet.

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, 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.

NOTICES

PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Please contact Fr. Josh to begin the process. More information is available on the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

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.

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 continued generosity.**

MORUYA ROSTERS						
	Readers		Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	30th/31 August	6th/7th September	30th/31 August	6th/7th September	1st September	8th September
SAT 5pm	J. Heffernan C. Palise	C. Palise. P. Pollock	T. Cahill	F. Levi	G. Campbell C. Gandy	T. Monaghan T. Cahill
SUN 10.am	H. Browne I. Browne	I. Browne R. Patyus	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.