

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

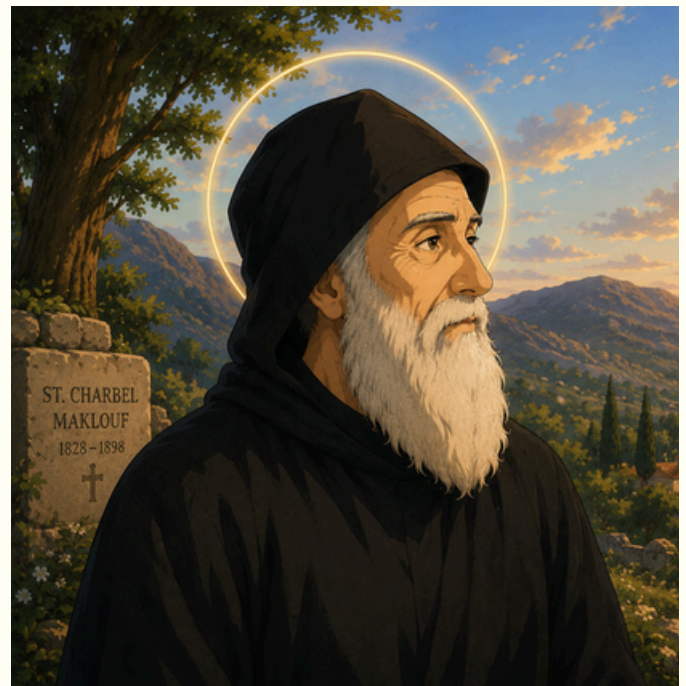
GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



Saint Charbel Makhlof was a Lebanese Maronite monk and hermit renowned for his deep prayer, humility and love of the Eucharist. Living a life of silence, penance and total devotion to God, he became known after his death through countless reported miracles. Today, he is one of the Church's most beloved saints, inspiring millions to seek holiness through prayer, simplicity and complete trust in Christ.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 19 JULY 2026

'BETTER PATIENCE THAN MISPLACED ZEAL'

A REFLECTION BY FR BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

Today's Gospel presents a further image from agriculture in Palestine. A poisonous weed called dandel affects wheat crops. In the early stages it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished their roots are so entwined as to make tearing out the dandel very damaging to the wheat.

The parable addresses the disciples' dismay at the continuing prevalence of evil in the world. If, as Jesus teaches, the Kingdom of God has dawned, why has God not intervened to root out evil once and for all?

Like the wheat and dandel in the field, good and evil are at present so inextricably co-existent as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in the "wheat" of the kingdom.

The parable also challenges the kind of religious zeal that, filled with moral outrage, wants to go in and root out from the community of believers any considered unworthy to be there.

It can even apply on an individual level. So often a person's good qualities spring from the same source as their less desirable ones. An irascible person may struggle vigorously for justice; a laid-back character may be a good listener—and so on.

Christianity's long history of intolerance—for example, the Spanish Inquisition—shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. The final judgement belongs to God.

(Taken from Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ,

'Sharing the Treasure: Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, Years A, B, C.')



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART, MORUYA
36 QUEEN STREET, MORUYA

SAT VIGIL 5.00 PM Mass
SUN 10.00 AM Mass

'THE PINES', TUROSS HEAD
36 CRADDOCK RD, TUROSS HEAD

SUN 8.00 AM Mass

'ST. EDMUND'S, BODALLA
162 PRINCES HWY, BODALLA

4th SUN 12.00 PM Mass

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART, MORUYA

TUE-THURS 5.00 PM Mass
FRI 9:15 am

'ST. EDMUND'S, BODALLA
162 PRINCES HWY, BODALLA

2ND FRI 9.00 AM Mass

SYRO MALABAR MASS

SACRED HEART, MORUYA

1ST MON 6.00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SACRED HEART, MORUYA

TUES - THURS After Mass
SAT 4.30 PM

ADORATION

SACRED HEART, MORUYA

TUES & THURS After Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SACRED HEART, MORUYA

FIRST SAT 9.00 AM Mass
OR BY APPOINTMENT

DEVOTIONS

SACRED HEART, MORUYA
ROSARY

DAILY Before Mass
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRI After Mass

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mon 20th - St. Apollinaris

Tues 21st— St. Laurence of
Brindisi

Wed 22nd — St. Mary
Magdalene

Thurs 23rd—St. Bridget

Fri 24th —St Charbel Makhoul

Sat 25th — St James



Fr Josh on Leave

Please keep Fr. Josh in your prayers as he enjoys a well-earned time of rest and renewal during his annual leave. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr Rex for his generous ministry and faithful service to our parish while Fr Josh is away.

No weekday Masses

Whilst Fr. Josh is away there will be no weekday Masses. St. Bernard's is an available option.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for 2 weeks from Wednesday, 22 July until Friday, 31 July, re-opening Wednesday, 5 August.

Parish Heating Appeal

With gas prices rising significantly, the cost of heating our church has increased substantially. If you are able, please consider making a donation to help keep our church warm and welcoming during the colder months.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



The 2026 Archdiocesan Assembly

The 2026 Archdiocesan Assembly gathering will occur in Batehaven on the 22nd August from 9am - 4pm.

St Bernard's Primary School Hall, David Street, Batemans Bay
Please register using the link below to assist with catering and event planning. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/assembly/>



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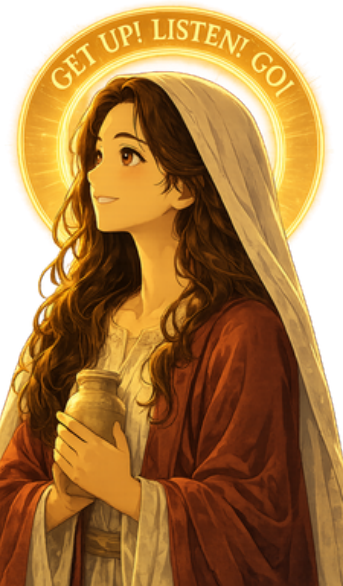
With the weather turning cold now, we are wanting to build up our stock of tinned food.

Things like soup, baked beans, tinned spaghetti and tinned steak and vegetables are all good for this time of year. We thank you for your continued support for those in need.

Formation Forum – "Who is the Church?"

Join the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation on Monday, 21 July (5:00–7:00 pm) for an engaging Formation Forum exploring the identity and mission of the Catholic Church in Australia today. Through interviews, personal stories and discussion, participants will reflect on the opportunities and challenges facing the Church and our shared call to "walk together." Attend in person at Australian Catholic University or online.

Register at bit.ly/formation-forum-church.



In 2026, Archbishop Christopher Prowse has designated "GET UP!... LISTEN!... GO!" as the Archdiocese's pastoral focus, emphasizing Encounter, Discipleship, and Mission in Evangelisation. It highlights Jesus' ministry of calling people from passivity into action, restoring life and dignity through His divine authority.

'Cor ad cor loquitor' - 'Heart speaks to heart'
~St. John Henry Newman



St. Laurence of Brindisi
- Pray for us!

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Pauline Morgan, Fr Troy Bobbin, Kim Xuyen Brierley, Kathleen Hodge, Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton.

FOR OUR SICK

For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners.

Also pray for Nadia Hawden, Patricia and Geoffrey Daley, Clair Holmes, Gerry Ebbelaar, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Han and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Fr Greg Beath, Fr Giles Setter OFM, Jenny Hopkins, Patricia Murphy, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Sylvia Heffernan, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery, Mark Chatto, Norma and Graham Beer, Noel and Eddie.

YOUR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT A LOT...

First Collection

(Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)

A/C Name: Central Presbytery Fund, BSB: 062-786
and Bank Account: 00029248

Reference: Your parish location, name and intention
(e.g., Moruya Smith 1st collection)

Second Collection

(Maintenance/upkeep of the Churches, staff salaries, liturgical needs, insurance, etc.)

A/C Name: Sacred Heart, Moruya, BSB: 062-786 and Bank
Account: 000014984 Reference: Planned Giving #
& Surname (current givers) or "Donation" (new givers).

MORUYA ROSTERS

Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	18th/19th July	25th/26th July	18th/19th July	25th/26th July	20 July	27 July
SAT 5pm	M. Joyce M. Munce	J. Heffernan C. Palise	T. Cahill	F. Levi	R. Parnell G. Campbell	D. Fee T. Cahill
SUN 10am	B. Gillett J. Gillett	H. Browne I. Browne	J. Morris	J. Gillett		

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

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. We also acknowledge the Yuin people, our brothers and sisters, the traditional custodians of this God-given land. United as one family in Christ, Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, we give thanks for this shared gift.

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—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.

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