

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.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

R: The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Saint Matthew

Saint Matthew was a tax collector whom Jesus called to become one of his twelve apostles. Leaving his former life behind, he followed Christ and became a witness to his ministry and resurrection. Traditionally recognised as the author of the first Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus as the promised Messiah. His life reminds us that God's mercy can transform anyone, calling each of us to follow him with trust and generosity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WELCOMED BY CHRIST, SENT WITH HOPE

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Sunday's Gospel, a landowner welcomes workers into his vineyard. Even those who arrived last receive a day's wage. Those who worked longest struggle to understand. Yet the landowner's generosity reveals something about God: his mercy exceeds our calculations, and his love is never exhausted. This Gospel invites us to exchange comparison for gratitude. Another person's blessing takes nothing away from ours. Whenever someone discovers faith, returns to prayer or courageously begins again, we rejoice. There is room in God's vineyard for each of us. As our children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we celebrate this generous love. The Holy Spirit, received at Baptism, strengthens them to follow Jesus and share in the Church's mission. They do not face this calling alone: God gives them his presence, and we promise our prayers and support. The Spirit's seven gifts guide every stage of life. Wisdom helps us value what lasts; understanding deepens our faith; counsel guides our choices; fortitude gives courage when goodness is difficult. Knowledge helps us recognise God's presence and purpose; piety nurtures our love for him; fear of the Lord draws us into reverence and wonder before his goodness.

As we cooperate with grace, these gifts bear fruit. Charity becomes kindness. Joy sustains hope. Peace steadies anxious hearts. Patience helps us listen, goodness moves us to serve, and gentleness shapes our words. Faithfulness and self-control help us honour our commitments. Through us, the Spirit makes Christ's love visible. If Mass has slipped from your routine, or you feel uncertain about returning, you are welcome. You do not need to have everything resolved before taking that first step. Come with your questions, your hopes and your burdens. Jesus longs to nourish you through his Word and the Eucharist. To those who come faithfully, thank you. Your prayer, perseverance and service strengthen our parish. May familiarity never diminish your wonder at God's generosity. Let us pray for our newly confirmed children, and renew our willingness to follow Christ. **Whatever the hour of our arrival, the Lord is calling.** May we answer with grateful hearts and help others discover the joy of belonging.

With prayers and every blessing,

Father Josh



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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God be glorified'*

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR

Mon 21st - St Matthew, Apostle

Tues 22nd— 25th Week in OT

Wed 23rd —St Pius of
Pietrelcina

Thurs 24th—25th Week in OT

Fri 25th - 25th Week in OT

Sat 26th — Mass of BVM



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
CONFIRMATION CHILDREN!

Congratulations to our children who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow Jesus, share your faith and show God's love through your words and actions. Keep growing in prayer, coming to Mass and using your gifts to serve others. Thank you to our parents for nurturing their children's faith, and to Miss Chiara Strmota and Mrs Jess Afflick for their care and dedication in preparing them for this special milestone.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend we mark Safeguarding Sunday, renewing our commitment to making our parish a safe and welcoming home for all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. May each of us help build a community where every person is respected, valued and cared for.

STOLEN GOODS, GENEROUS
HEARTS

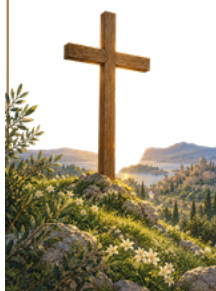
Our morning tea area was recently broken into, and the urn and morning tea supplies were stolen.

Police have been incredibly responsive and supportive, and generous benefactors

have already replaced everything even the urn!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please keep an eye on our church property as you pass by and report any suspicious activity to police.



WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic or completing your sacramental journey? We warmly invite you to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to explore the Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ. Please contact the Parish Office to express your interest.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



BODALLA MASS

Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla on Sunday 27th September at Midday followed by lunch at the Bodalla Pub.
All welcome.



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



St. Pius of Pietrelcina
pray for us!

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

David Sneddon, Andrew McCosker, Brian Gershback, Stewart Mathie, Rosemary Ingram, Clair Holmes, Brig. Peter Evans OAM, Ian Bowditch, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Ingham, Pauline Morgan, Fr Troy Bobbin, Kim Xuyen Brierley.

FOR OUR SICK

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

Also pray for Julia and Norman Collins, Helen Franks, Nadia Hawden, Patricia and Geoffrey Daley, 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, Brian Jelfs, Noel Downie and Eddie Hybler.

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	19th/20th September	26th/27th September	19th/20th September	26th/27th September	21 September	28 September
SAT 5pm	Confirmation	M. Joyce M. Munce	T. Cahill	F. Levi	D. Fee L. O'Connor	G. Campbell C. Gandy
SUN 10am	R. Zammit C. Mackin	B. Gillett J. Gillett	J. Gillett	G. Campbell		

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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