

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING**Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51.**

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to

God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

**Anima Christi - Prayer after Holy Communion**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 25 OCTOBER 2026

'LOVED BY GOD, CALLED TO LOVE'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever stopped to consider just how precious you are to God? Last Sunday, Jesus reminded us that we bear God's image, just as Caesar's image was stamped upon the Roman coin. Through Baptism, we are marked as belonging to Christ, and our worth is beyond measure. We are worth the very life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Such is the extraordinary depth of God's love for each of us! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reveals the heart of Christian life. Asked which commandment is greatest, He answers: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then adds: "You must love your neighbour as yourself." These two commandments are inseparable. Our love for God must find expression in our love for others. How can we claim to love God while overlooking those who bear His image? Jesus asks us not simply to feel affection, but to love with our whole lives. He teaches that the entire Law and the Prophets depend upon these commandments. They are not merely ideals to admire, but the foundation of the Christian life. Everything begins with allowing ourselves to be loved by God. Through prayer, the Sacraments and especially the Eucharist, we encounter Christ, who gives Himself completely for us. As we open our hearts to Him, His grace transforms us. His love is not meant to stop with us; it is meant to flow through us in generous service, patient listening, forgiveness and practical care. Sometimes this love asks something difficult of us: to notice someone who feels forgotten, to make time for a neighbour in need, or to take the first step towards reconciliation. These ordinary acts can become extraordinary signs of God's presence. We need not accomplish great things to make His love known. Often, through simple gestures of kindness and compassion, another person encounters God's goodness. Imagine the difference we could make if each of us allowed God's love to flow freely through our lives! Our families would be strengthened, our parish enriched, and our wider community would encounter Christ through our words and actions. As we gather around the Lord's altar, let us ask for the grace to love God more deeply and our neighbours more generously. May our parish be a place where God's love is received with gratitude, lived with joy and shared without hesitation.

With every blessing and prayer,

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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*'In all things may
God be glorified'*

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR

Mon 26th - Mon 30th Wk in OT
Tues 27th - Tues 30th Wk in OT

Wed 28th - No Mass
Thurs 29th - No Mass
Fri 30th - No Mass

Sat 31st - Mass of BVM



CANDLELIGHT MASS
FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Join us on **Monday 2 November at 6pm** for a special Candlelight Mass as we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Please bring a photograph of your loved ones to place on our All Souls' Altar, where they will be remembered in prayer throughout November. Together, we entrust them to God's infinite love and mercy.



FR. JOSH AWAY

There will be no weekday Masses this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, as Fr. Josh will be in Canberra for an excursion with St. Mary's and meetings. Thank you for your understanding.

YOUR ART COULD BE OUR CHRISTMAS COVER!

Calling all Catholic school students! Enter the Catholic Voice Christmas Cover Art Competition with the theme "Everyone is Invited", celebrating how Jesus' birth brings us together. Your artwork could feature on the December cover!

Entries close 16 November.
Use the QR Code to apply.



GOULBURN MARIAN PROCESSION

Join the Marian Procession in Goulburn on **Sunday 1 November at 10am**, departing from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul. Hosted by Mary Queen of Apostles Parish, this ecumenical celebration welcomes everyone to walk together in prayer and faith.

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.

St. Medard - Pray for us!



OUR LADY OF MORUYA APOSTOLATE

Join our new Apostolate as the statue of Our Lady of Moruya journeys from home to home, inviting families and individuals to pray for our parish, parishioners, town and the world.

All are warmly welcome to participate!
To join and welcome Our Lady into your home, simply contact the Parish Office to register your interest.



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



Sts. Simon and Jude
Pray for us!

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...
OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Charles Clulee, Graham Beer, Terry Love, Brian Jelfs, David Sneddon, Andrew McCosker, Brian Gershback, Stewart Mathie, Rosemary Ingram, Clair Holmes, Brig. Peter Evans OAM, Ian Bowditch, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Ingham, Pauline Morgan.

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, 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, Mark Chatto, Norma Beer, 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	24th/25th October	31 Oct/1 Nov	24th/25th October	31 Oct/1 Nov	26 October	2 November
SAT 5pm	J. White E. Drewson	M.Croese J. Afflick	F. Levi	J. Wain	G. Campbell L. O'Connor	R. Parnell C. Gandy
SUN 10am	H. Browne I. Browne	L. Strahlendorf P. Pollock	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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code: