

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength; by your favour it is that our might is
exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The First Martyrs of Rome were Christians who were put to death under Emperor Nero in A.D. 64. Their faithful witness amid persecution helped establish the Church in Rome and inspired generations of believers.

SECOND READING
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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'FOLLOWING CHRIST ABOVE ALL ELSE'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that can seem challenging at first: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me." Yet these words are not a rejection of family or loved ones. Rather, they are an invitation to place Christ at the very centre of our lives.

Every one of us places something first. It may be our family, our work, our ambitions, our comfort, or our possessions. While these things are often good gifts from God, Jesus reminds us that only He can be the foundation upon which everything else is built. When Christ comes first, we learn to love our families more deeply, serve others more generously, and live with greater purpose and peace.

Jesus then speaks of taking up our cross and following Him. **The cross is not simply suffering; it is the daily decision to choose love over selfishness, forgiveness over resentment, faith over fear, and service over convenience.** The path of discipleship is not always easy, but it is always life-giving. As Jesus tells us, "Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." The more we give ourselves to God, the more we discover the fullness of life for which we were created.

The Gospel concludes with a beautiful reminder that no act of love is too small in the eyes of God. Even the simple offering of a cup of cold water to one of **Christ's little ones will not go unnoticed.** This is a message of great hope. **Holiness is not reserved for extraordinary people doing extraordinary things.** It is found in ordinary people who allow Christ to work through their ordinary acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion.

As a parish, we are called to be such a community: a people who place Christ first, carry our crosses with hope, and serve one another with joyful hearts. Every smile, every prayer, every act of welcome, every moment of generosity helps build the Kingdom of God in our midst.

May we have the courage to place Christ above all else, trusting that when He is first in our lives, everything else finds its proper place.

Yours in Christ,

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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*'In all things may
God be glorified'*

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'Learning for Life'

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MORUYA

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the Parish Office

**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**

Mon 29th - Sts Peter and Paul

Tues 30th— 1st Martyrs of Rome

Wed 1st — 13th Week in OT

Thurs 2nd—12th week in OT

Fri 3rd — St. Thomas (Apostle)

Sat 27th — Saturday Mass
of the BVM.

Parish Office

The office will be open next Thursday, 2 July
and closed on Friday, 3 July.

Bodalla Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla this Sunday, 28 June at 12 o'clock.
Please join us for Mass and lunch at the Bodalla Pub afterwards.

St Vincent de Paul

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.

Ring pull cans are best for those who do not have the range of utensils usually found at home. The usual donations of cereal and long life milk are always welcome. We thank you for your continued support for those in need.

The 2026 Archdiocesan Assembly

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

Planned Giving

Planned Giving boxes containing envelopes are available for collection in the Church foyer. Please be reminded not to use the previous BLUE envelopes from the first weeknd in July. Please only use the RED envelopes from 1 July.

Addressing Issues

To help keep our parish safe and welcoming, please report any maintenance concerns, hazards, damage, or safety issues promptly to the Parish Office and Fr Josh. Early reporting helps ensure issues are addressed quickly and our facilities remain safe and well maintained.

**Who is the
Church?**

Formation Forum



Where?

ACU Veritas Building | Room 301.10.19
Microsoft Teams | Online Offering



When?

Tuesday
21 July 2026 | 5:00 - 7:00pm



Register

Link | bit.ly/formation-forum-church



Contact

institute@cg.org.au



Register Link



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 loquitur' - 'Heart speaks to heart'
~St. John Henry Newman



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Kim Xuyen Brierley, Kathleen Hodge, Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysen, 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 (nee Malavey), 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, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny Hopkins, Patricia Murphy, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Sylvia Heffernan, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, 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	27th/28th June	4th/5th July	27th/28th June	4th/5th July	29 June	6 July
SAT 5pm	M. Joyce M. Munce	C. Cahill D. Moore	T. Cahill	T. Cahill	R. Parnell T. Chatto	G. Campbell L. O'Connor
SUN 10am	B. Gillett J. Gillett	H. Browne I. Browne	J. Morris	J. Morris		

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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For access to our website, online bulletins and other details please see the QR code: