

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.

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

**ST PETER'S ENCOUNTER ON THE ROAD**

According to ancient Christian tradition, as St Peter fled persecution in Rome, he encountered the risen Jesus on the road. Peter asked, "**Domine, quo vadis?**" — "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus replied that he was going to Rome to be crucified again. Peter understood that Christ was calling him back. Renewed in courage, he returned to Rome, where he faithfully embraced martyrdom and gave his life for Christ.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

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'PETER'S JOURNEY OF FAITH.'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the last few weeks, the Gospels have allowed us to follow St Peter on his journey of faith. We have watched him step out of the boat and walk towards Jesus upon the water. Last Sunday, we heard him boldly profess, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and receive from Jesus the keys of the Kingdom. Peter seems to be doing well. Yet this Sunday's Gospel reminds us that **faith is a journey, not a single moment of understanding**. Almost immediately after Peter's great profession of faith, he gets things terribly wrong. When Jesus speaks of the Cross, Peter objects. He wants a Messiah without suffering, victory without sacrifice, glory without the Cross. Perhaps we can understand him.

Peter loves Jesus. He cannot imagine that suffering and death could possibly be part of God's plan. Yet Jesus challenges him because Peter still has more to learn. He knows who Jesus is, but he does not yet understand what following Jesus will require.

There is something deeply encouraging in this. **Jesus does not give up on Peter**. He corrects him, challenges him and continues to lead him. Peter's misunderstanding is not the end of his story.

God is still at work within him. The same is true for us. Our journey of faith will have moments when everything seems clear and moments when we struggle. There will be times of great confidence and times when God's ways seem difficult to understand. We may even discover that some of our own expectations need to change.

Jesus simply continues to call us: **"Take up your cross and follow me."** The Cross is not a sign that God has abandoned us. In Christ, it becomes the place where suffering is transformed by love and death gives way to life. Whatever crosses we carry today, we carry them with Jesus. Like Peter, we are still learning. Still growing. Still being formed. And thankfully, **Jesus is not finished with us yet**. Let us keep following Him, trusting that even through our struggles, mistakes and crosses, He is leading us towards the fullness of life.

Your brother 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

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MORUYAPlease contact
the Parish Office**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR****Mon 31st** - 22nd Week in OT**Tues 1st**— 22nd Week in OT**Wed 2nd** —22nd Week in OT**Thurs 3rd**—St Gregory the
Great**Fri 4th** —SPRING EMBER DAY**Sat 5th** — St. Teresa of
Calcutta**SPRING EMBER DAY**

This Friday we observe the Spring Ember Day, an ancient Catholic tradition of prayer, penance and thanksgiving at the beginning of a new season. We are encouraged to thank God for the gifts of creation, pray for vocations and the needs of our community, practise some form of fasting or charity, and seek renewal in Christ as spring begins.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for morning tea after Sunday Mass. Come along for a cuppa, something to eat and a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL**

Father's Day Appeal – The annual collection for our retired priests: There are 22 priests of our Archdiocese who after years of faithful and generous service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The annual Father's Day Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years.

At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

**BANKSIA/BROULEE ANOINTING MASS**

Our next Banksia/Broulee Mass will be celebrated at
11:00am on **Thursday, 3 September**
in the Grevillea Comm. Centre.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and fellowship.

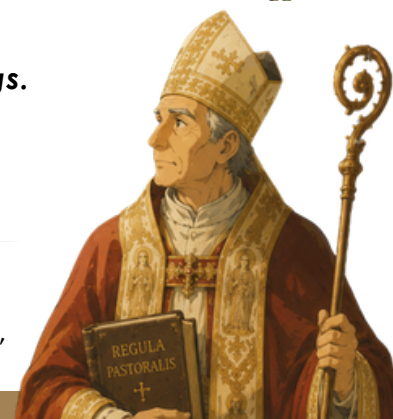
FIRST SATURDAY ANOINTING MASS

Our next First Saturday Anointing Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on **Saturday, 5 September** at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya. MMP Cenacle Prayers before Mass, with Confessions, Adoration and Benediction following. All are warmly welcome.



**"The proof of love is in the works.
Where love exists, it works great things.
But when it ceases to act,
it ceases to exist."**

- St. Gregory the Great



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.



St. Teresa of Kolkata
pray for us!

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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED
Clair Holmes, Brig. Peter Evans OAM, Ian Bowditch, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Ingham, Pauline Morgan, Fr Troy Bobbin, Kim Xuyen Brierley, Kathleen Hodge, Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver.

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 Downey 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	29th/30th August	5th/6th September	29th/30th August	5th/6th September	31 August	7 September
SAT 5pm	J. Heffernan C. Palise	C. Cahill C. Palise	T. Cahill	J. Wain	G. Campbell C. Gandy	R. Parnell T. Cahill
SUN 10am	R. Zammit C. Mackin	H. Browne I. Browne		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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