

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.

FIRST READING**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
R.

SECOND READING**Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**WHY DID ST PAUL WRITE TO THE ROMANS?**

St Paul wrote to the Romans to introduce himself and explain the Gospel he preached. He sought to strengthen the Christians of Rome, promote unity between Jewish and Gentile believers, and prepare for his hoped-for visit. Paul also hoped they would support his missionary journey westward to Spain, while teaching more deeply about salvation, faith, grace, and new life in Christ.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE DEBT WE NEVER FINISH PAYING

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the last few weeks, the Gospels have allowed us to walk alongside **St Peter**. We have witnessed his courage and fear, his profession of faith and his moments of weakness. Peter reminds us that following Christ does not mean having everything worked out. It means continuing to choose Jesus and allowing Him to form us. This weekend, our attention turns to another great Apostle: **St Paul**. In the Second Reading, Paul writes to the Christians in Rome:

"Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations."

(Romans 13:8). What a beautiful way to describe the Christian life!

Paul presents love almost as **a debt we never finish paying**. No matter how much we have loved, there is always more love to give: another person to forgive, someone to encourage or serve, another opportunity to be patient, generous or compassionate. Paul gathers the commandments together in one great command: **"Love your neighbour as yourself."** He then concludes:

"Love is the answer to every one of the commandments." But Paul

is speaking about something greater than simply being nice. Christian love begins with Christ. We love because He first loved us.

We forgive because Christ has forgiven us. We serve because Christ came among us as one who serves. We sacrifice because Jesus first gave Himself completely for us upon the Cross.

This is why we must continue to pursue Christ. The closer we come to Jesus in prayer, Scripture, Confession and especially the Eucharist, the more His love shapes our hearts. Faith becomes

visible in how we speak, forgive, serve our families, respond to those who frustrate us and notice those who might otherwise be forgotten. **Peter teaches us to keep following Christ despite our weakness. Paul now reminds us what that journey should produce:**

a heart increasingly capable of loving as Christ loves. This week, let us pursue Jesus with renewed determination. There will always be more to learn, more to surrender and more love to give. May Christ transform our hearts so others may encounter His goodness through us.

Your brother in the Risen Lord,

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 7th - 23rd Week in OT

Tues 8th— Nativity of the BVM

Wed 9th —St Peter Claver

Thurs 10th—No Mass

Fri 11th - 23rd Week in OT

Sat 12th — Holy Name of Mary

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



Collection for our retired priests: Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church, and donors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to donate over the phone.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



MORNING RETREAT:

YEARNING FOR CONNECTION

Morning Retreat on Tues September 15 in St Bernard's Church Meeting Room 9-15 am arrival for 9-30am start – 12noon. Topic: **Yearning for Connection: my story, your story, God's story.** 4 Guest speakers will share a part of their story with us. BYO shared morning tea. Booking is essential: Marie Weatherall: 0405 028 057
All welcome

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.



NO MASS ON THURSDAY

There will be no Mass on Thursday as Fr. Josh will be attending a meeting in Canberra. There will be Mass as normal on Friday.



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. Peter Claver
pray for us!

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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosemary Ingram, 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.

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

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	5th/6th September	12th/13th September	5th/6th September	12th/13th September	7 September	14 September
SAT 5pm	C. Cahill C. Palise	M. Joyce D. Moore	J. Wain	F. Levi	R. Parnell T. Cahill	T. Monaghan T. Chatto
SUN 10am	H. Browne I. Browne	R. Patyus	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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