Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully
grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

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

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.)**

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

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.)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.





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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

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'KEEPING THE LIGHT OF FAITH BURNING'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How do we prepare to meet the Lord? This Sunday's Gospel offers a simple answer: by nurturing a faith that finds expression in love.

In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, all await the bridegroom, but only five bring enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The bridegroom represents Christ, whose return the Church awaits with hope. Jesus invites us to consider how we use this time of waiting.

The oil can be understood as the love and good works that flow from living faith. Prayer and the sacraments draw us close to Jesus, strengthening us to live with mercy, forgiveness and generosity. Preparing to meet Him means allowing His love to shape our choices.

Even the wise bridesmaids fall asleep. Jesus understands our weariness. He calls us to remain faithful, trusting His grace and returning to Him whenever we falter. His grace gives us strength to begin again. Yet we cannot postpone our response forever. There is love to offer, forgiveness to seek and good to do today. Others can encourage us, but no one can respond to Christ on our behalf.

As the liturgical year closes, the readings turn our attention towards Christ's return, judgement, resurrection and eternal life. They invite us to see our lives in the light of eternity. Saint Paul reassures us that, because Jesus died and rose again, we can face death with hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14) The Lord who will judge us is the same Jesus who welcomed sinners, healed the broken and gave His life for us. We prepare to meet Him by allowing His love to guide our lives today.

Visiting someone lonely, being patient at home, forgiving an injury or helping a neighbour: each becomes part of that preparation, a response to God's love already at work within us. This preparation happens in the ordinary moments we might otherwise overlook. A listening ear, a gentle word or a quiet sacrifice can become an offering of love. We need not wait for some great occasion to serve God. He meets us in the people and responsibilities entrusted to us today. At Mass, we hear: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Our calling is to carry Christ's love into the lives of others. May our parish be a community where faith shines brightly, hope grows stronger, and every person encounters Christ's welcoming love.

Where is Jesus inviting us to love more generously today? Let us respond with willing hearts, keeping our lamps burning as we await the joy of meeting Him face to face.

With every blessing,

Father Josh

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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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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mon 9th - Dedication of the Lateran Bascilica
Tues 10th - **Pope St Leo the Great**
Wed 11th - St. Martin of Tours
Thurs 12th - St. Josaphat
Fri 13th - 32nd Wk in OT.
Sat 14th - Mass of BVM



ANNOUNCEMENT: CARROLL COLLEGE PRINCIPAL CHANGES

Mr Andrew Kenneally has recently resigned as Principal of Carroll College, Broulee, to be closer to his wife and children in the Illawarra. He will take up an Assistant Principal's position at Chevalier College, Bowral. We thank Andrew for his leadership and dedication to our students, staff and families, and wish him every blessing in his new role.
Mrs Nichola McLennan has been appointed Principal, commencing at the beginning of next year. Nichola brings experience from her work at the Catholic Education Office and her previous role as Assistant Principal of Merici College, Braddon. We look forward to welcoming her and supporting her leadership of our school community.
We are grateful for both educators' commitment to Catholic education and to nurturing the faith, learning and wellbeing of young people. Opportunities to formally farewell Andrew and welcome Nichola will follow soon. Please keep them and our school community in your prayers during this transition.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY BLESSINGS

During November, the Month of the Holy Souls, we invite you to join us as we pray for the faithful departed and bless their graves.

Moruya Cemetery
Saturday 14 November – 10am
Meet at the back road.

Broulee Cemetery and Crematorium
Saturday 21 November – 10am
Meet at the car park.

All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer for our departed loved ones.



NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEAD

November is a time to pray for our departed loved ones. Mass envelopes are available in the foyer. Place completed envelopes in the collection for Fr Josh to offer Masses for your intentions throughout November.

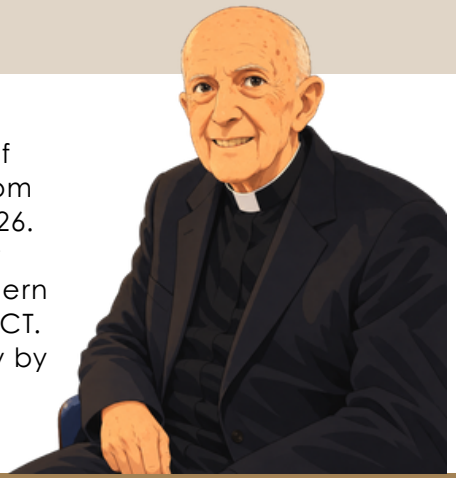


FRIDAY MASS @ BODALLA

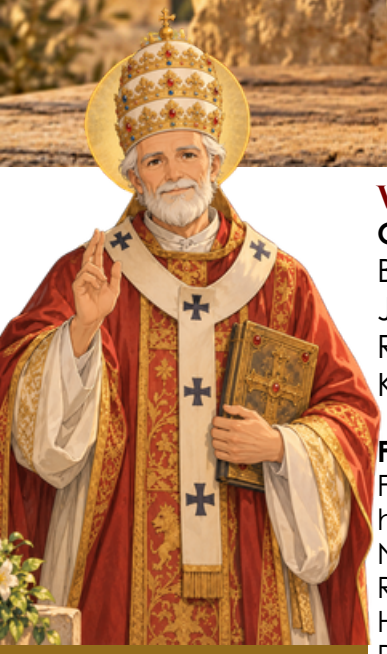
This Friday, Mass will be celebrated at St Edmund's, Bodalla, at 9am, followed by morning tea at a local café.
All are welcome!

A CENTURY OF FR. BATEMAN!

Join us to celebrate the 100th birthday of Fr Paul Bateman, author of Heffernan's from Clonbonane, on Tuesday 17 November 2026. Mass will begin at 10.30 am, followed by morning tea, in the common room at Southern Cross Care, 2 White Crescent, Campbell, ACT. For catering, please RSVP to Carmel Toohey by Monday 9 November at bids2650@bigpond.net.au.







Pope St. Leo the Great
Pray for us!

We include in our prayers...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernice Campbell, Len Downie, Jim 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	***7th/8th November***	***14th/15th November***	***7th/8th November***	***14th/15th November***	***10 November***	***16 November***
SAT 5pm	P. Pollock D. Moore	J. Heffernan C. Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	T. Monaghan R. Parnell	D. Fee T. Cahill
SUN 10am	B. Gillett R. Patyus	P. Pollock 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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