

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING**1 Kings 19:9.11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18**

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Cf. Psalm 129:5**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



St Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941) was a Polish Franciscan priest, missionary, and publisher whose life was marked by deep devotion to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Second World War, he was imprisoned at Auschwitz, where he freely offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner condemned to die. Canonised as the Martyr of Charity, he remains a timeless witness to sacrificial love, courage, and unwavering Christian hope.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 9 AUGUST 2026

"CALLED TO STEP BEYOND FEAR"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are moments in life when it feels as though we are caught in a storm. We may be carrying worries about our family, our health, our finances, or the future. At times, the waves seem relentless, and we wonder whether we have the strength to keep going. The Gospel this Sunday speaks directly into those moments.

The disciples are battling against the wind when Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. At first, they are terrified, but Jesus immediately reassures them: **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** These words are as powerful today as they were on the Sea of Galilee. Christ does not promise a life without storms, but He does promise that He will never leave us to face them alone.

Peter's response is remarkable. He steps out of the boat and begins to walk towards Jesus. As long as his eyes remain fixed on the Lord, he does the impossible. It is only when he becomes consumed by the wind and the waves that he begins to sink. Yet even then, Jesus reaches out His hand and lifts him up. How often are we like Peter? We begin with confidence, but the pressures of life, disappointment, uncertainty, or fear draw our attention away from Christ. We can become overwhelmed by everything around us instead of remembering the One who is walking beside us.

The invitation of this Gospel is not simply to admire Peter's courage, but to imitate it. The Lord calls each of us to step out in faith to forgive when it is difficult, to pray when we feel dry, to serve when we are tired, to trust when the future seems unclear, and to remain faithful even when the winds of life blow strongly against us. Faith is not the absence of fear; it is choosing to trust Christ in the midst of it. As a parish family, may we continue to encourage one another to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Whatever storm you may be facing today, remember that the Lord is already there. He comes to you with the same words: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." May we have the confidence to step out in faith, knowing that His hand is always ready to catch us. May God bless you and your families.

Your brother,

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

ANOIDTING 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 10th** - St Laurence**Tues 11th**— St Clare**Wed 12th** — St. Jane Francis
de Chantal**Thurs 13th**—Sts. Pontian and
Hippolytus**Fri 14th** —St Maximilian Kolbe**Sat 15th** — The Assumption**Confirmation Enrolment****Last minute enrolments for Confirmation are
open for this week only.****THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM****Assumption Masses**

Our Assumption Masses for our parish are:

Friday 14th August - Vigil Masses

9.15am - Sacred Heart, Moruya

5pm - Sacred Heart, Moruya

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass, unless prevented by serious illness, caring for someone in need, or another grave reason. Holy Days of Obligation are among the Church's most important celebrations, inviting us to gather as God's people to worship Him, receive the Eucharist, and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith.

**Parish Trivia Night**

Gather your family and friends for a fun-filled Parish Trivia Night on Friday, 14 August, at 7:00 pm in St Mary's School Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person, including supper. Tables of up to 10 people. BYO drinks. A Children's Trivia Table is also available for \$10 per table. Book your table today and support Sacred Heart Parish!

Thank You – Araluen Pilgrimage

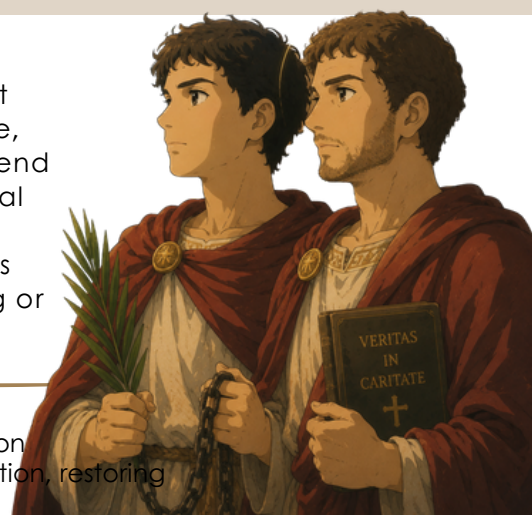
Thank you to everyone who joined our parish pilgrimage to Araluen in honour of St Mary MacKillop. It was a wonderful day of prayer, fellowship, and faith shared with the Braidwood Parish. Thank you to all who travelled, participated, and helped make the pilgrimage such a meaningful occasion.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY**

Join us on Saturday, 22 August, 9.00 am–4.00 pm, at St Bernard's Primary School Hall, Batemans Bay. Please register to assist with catering and planning. For details and registration, visit

<https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly/>**Women's Silent Retreat**

Women are warmly invited to a Silent Retreat at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, from 23–25 October. The weekend includes daily Mass, Adoration, spiritual talks, and guided prayer. Cost: \$477 (includes meals). Mothers with babies welcome. Book at womensactivities.org or contact Mary-Louise: 0400 302 392.



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 Jane Francis de Chantal
pray for us!

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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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, Mervyn Honan.

FOR OUR SICK

For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners.

Also pray for Helen Franks, Nadia Hawden, 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, 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, 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

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	8th/9th August	15th/16th August	8th/9th August	15th/16th August	10 August	17 August
SAT 5pm	P. Pollock D. Moore	D. McCann C. Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	T. Monaghan L. O'Connor	R. Parnell C. Gandy
SUN 10am	B. Gillett R. Patyus	P. Pollock J. Gillett	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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THE ASSUMPTION

MASS SCHEDULE



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