

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



St Camillus de Lellis (1550–1614) was a soldier whose life was transformed by God's mercy. After a profound conversion, he dedicated himself entirely to caring for the sick, seeing in every suffering person the face of Christ. He founded the Order of the Ministers of the Sick (the Camillians), whose members wore a distinctive red cross on their habit and became renowned for their compassionate care of the poor, the dying, and victims of plague. St Camillus insisted that the sick should be served "with the affection a loving mother has for her only sick child."

He is honoured as the patron saint of the sick, hospitals, nurses, and healthcare workers, reminding us that every act of loving care is an encounter with Christ himself.

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA



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'BECOMING GOOD SOIL'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful features of Our Lord's teaching is that He always speaks to the heart. In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:1–23), Jesus tells us the familiar Parable of the Sower. The seed is the Word of God, generously scattered upon every kind of soil. The difference is not in the seed—it is always good—but in the condition of the ground upon which it falls. This parable invites each of us to ask a simple but profound question: **What kind of soil is my heart today?**

There are times when life's worries, disappointments or distractions harden our hearts. At other times, we receive God's Word with enthusiasm, only to find that without deep roots it struggles to endure. Yet Jesus also speaks of the rich soil—a heart that welcomes His Word, treasures it, and allows it to bear fruit beyond anything we could achieve on our own. The encouraging truth is that no heart is beyond God's cultivation. The Divine Gardener patiently removes stones, softens hardened ground and gently pulls away the weeds that choke our spiritual lives. Every Mass, every prayer, every act of charity and every moment spent with Scripture allows Him to prepare our hearts for an abundant harvest. As a parish, we too are called to become good soil. The more we open ourselves to Christ, the more our community becomes a place where faith grows, hope flourishes and love is shared with all who enter our doors. Each of us has a part to play in that mission.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be taking some annual leave for a period of rest and renewal. I would be deeply grateful if you could keep me in your prayers during this time, that the Lord may refresh me in body, mind and spirit for the work that lies ahead. Please also keep Fr Rex in your prayers and thank him for his generous ministry while he cares for our parish in my absence.

May the Lord continue to sow His Word generously into our hearts, and may we respond with faith so that our lives may bear a rich harvest for His Kingdom.

God bless you all.

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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'Learning for Life'



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MORUYA

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mon 13th - St Henry

Tues 14th— St Camillus de Lellis

Wed 15th — St Bonaventure

Thurs 16th—OL of Mt Carmel

Fri 17th — 15th Week in OT

Sat 18th — Saturday Mass
of the BVM.



Fr Josh on Leave

Please keep Fr. Josh in your prayers as he enjoys a well-earned time of rest and renewal during his annual leave. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Rex for his generous ministry and faithful service to our parish while Fr Josh is away.

No weekday Masses

Whilst Fr. Josh is away, there will be no weekday Masses.

Parish Pastoral Letter

Our families are at the heart of our parish community. I warmly invite you to read the pastoral letter, written to encourage and support families as they continue their journey of faith.

Whether you are a regular parishioner, connected through one of our schools, or simply seeking to grow closer to Christ, I hope these words will inspire and reassure you that there is always a place for you here.

May God bless you and your family.

Copies will be made available for you in the church foyer.



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.

St Bonaventure was a Franciscan friar, bishop, cardinal, and one of the Church's greatest theologians. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," he combined brilliant scholarship with profound humility, teaching that all wisdom finds its fulfilment in the love of God. A close friend of St Thomas Aquinas, he helped guide the Franciscan Order through a challenging period and left a rich legacy of spiritual and theological writings. Canonised in 1482 and later declared a Doctor of the Church, St Bonaventure continues to inspire Christians to seek holiness through prayer, charity, and a deep union with Christ.



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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Troy Bobbin, Brooke Roger, 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.

OL of Mt. Carmel - Pray for us!

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	11th/12th July	18th/19th July	11th/12th July	18th/19th July	13 July	20 July
SAT 5pm	D. McCann C. Palise	M. Joyce M. Munce	F. Levi	T. Cahill	T. Monaghan C. Gandy	R. Parnell G. Campbell
SUN 10am	B. Gillett P. Pollock	R. Zammit C. Mackin	J. Gillett	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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