

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting
of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10**

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that
you have been chosen, because when we
brought the Good News to you, it came to you
not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are
offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they
sent their disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are
an honest man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to
you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to
pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware
of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why
do you set this trap for me? Let me see the
money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a
denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this?
Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and their companions

Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues were Jesuit missionaries who brought the Gospel to Indigenous peoples of North America in the 17th century. Dedicated to sharing Christ's love and establishing Christian communities, they endured great hardship. Jogues was killed with a tomahawk, while Brébeuf was tortured and burned to death. Together with six companions, their martyrdom bears witness to extraordinary courage, faith and missionary zeal. **Their Feast Day is 19th October.**



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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

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'WHOSE IMAGE DO WE BEAR?'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever considered whose image you carry? Not the image we present to the world, but the image at the heart of who we are. This Sunday, Jesus uses an ordinary coin to reveal an extraordinary truth about our identity and our relationship with God.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus asks whose image appears on a coin. When they answer, "Caesar's," He replies: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." But His response raises a deeper question: if the coin bears Caesar's image, whose image do we bear? Scripture tells us that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Regardless of our circumstances, abilities or background, we bear His image. We belong to Him as His beloved children.

This is the heart of today's Gospel. While we have responsibilities to our families, work and society, God asks for something greater than our time or possessions. He asks for our hearts and our very selves. Yet how easily everyday concerns consume us, leaving God whatever attention remains! Faith should never be something we simply squeeze into our busy lives. Rather, it should shape how we live, love and serve. As a parish community, this Gospel offers us a beautiful invitation. Our parish must be more than somewhere we attend Mass. It must be a living family where God's love is encountered, His image is recognised in others, and everyone finds a place to belong. Each of us has something to offer. Through prayer, welcoming newcomers, serving in ministry or supporting those in need, we share responsibility for building a vibrant and welcoming parish. I encourage everyone to consider how they might contribute more fully to our common life and mission.

A flourishing parish is not built by a few, but by a community united in faith, generosity and love. This week, let us ask ourselves: Does my life reflect the image of God who created me? May we give God not simply what remains of our lives, but our whole hearts, becoming a parish that reflects His love to the world.

With every prayer and blessing,

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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*'In all things may
God be glorified'*

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'Learning for Life'



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MORUYA

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mon 19th - Mon 29th Wk in OT
Tues 20th - Tues 29th Wk in OT
Wed 21st - Wed 29th Wk in OT
Thurs 22nd - **St. John Paul II**
Fri 23rd - Fri 29th Wk in OT
Sat 24th - Mass of BVM



CELEBRATE FR. JOSH'S 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Join us this Sunday, 18 October, for morning tea following the 10am Mass in Moruya as we celebrate Fr Josh's nine years of priestly ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and share in this special occasion! Please bring a plate to share.

CANDLELIGHT MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Join us on **Monday 2 November at 6pm** for a beautiful Candlelight Mass as we lovingly remember and pray for our departed family and friends. You are warmly invited to bring a photograph of your loved ones to place on our All Souls' Altar, where they will be remembered in prayer throughout November.

Come and share in this special evening of remembrance, prayer and Christian hope, as we entrust our loved ones to God's infinite love and mercy.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Catholic Mission supports communities in need around the world, sharing Christ's love through faith and practical assistance. Donation envelopes will be available on the pews over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF CONFESSION

Confession is a beautiful encounter with God's mercy—a chance to receive forgiveness, find peace and begin again. Whether you come regularly or have been away for years, the Lord welcomes you. Pamphlets in the foyer can help you prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. Come and experience the joy of a fresh start with God.

BODALLA MASS

Mass will be celebrated at Bodalla next Sunday, 25 October at 12pm. All welcome to attend and enjoy lunch afterwards at the Bodalla Pub.



SACRED CANTATAS - THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday's Sacred Cantatas concert. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful sacred music. Your presence and support are greatly appreciated and help make events like these possible. We also extend our thanks to The Southern Concert, soprano Greta Claringbould and the talented musicians for sharing their wonderful gifts with us.



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



St. John Paul II
Pray for us!

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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, Fr Troy Bobbin.

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 and Graham 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	17th/18th October	24th/25th October	17th/18th October	24th/25th October	19 October	26 October
SAT 5pm	M. Joyce M. Munce	J. White E. Drewson	F. Levi	T. Cahill	D. Fee T. Chatto	G. Campbell L. O'Connor
SUN 10am	R. Zammit C. Mackin	H. Browne I. Browne	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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