

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you
all the day long.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8**

**(R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.)**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

St Augustine (354–430) was one of the Church's greatest saints and theologians. After years searching for truth, he embraced the Catholic faith through the prayers of his mother, St Monica, and the preaching of St Ambrose. As Bishop of Hippo, his writings, wisdom, and love for Christ continue to shape the Church and inspire Christians today.

SECOND READING**Romans 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Cf. Matthew 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock
on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 23 AUGUST 2026

"WHERE PETER IS, THERE IS THE CHURCH."

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ did not leave his Church without a visible centre of unity. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives Simon a new name and a particular mission: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." Peter is called to serve as a point of communion among the apostles, a ministry that continues today in his successor, the Pope. There is something deeply beautiful about this part of our Catholic faith. Across centuries, nations, languages and cultures, Catholics remain united through our communion with the successor of Peter. **The papacy is a visible reminder that the Church is not simply a collection of individual communities, but one family in Christ.** Wherever we might find ourselves in the world, we belong to the same Church, gathered around the same Eucharist, professing the same faith and united with the Pope. Our communion with the Pope is therefore much more than an administrative arrangement. **To be in communion with the successor of Peter is to remain within the visible communion Christ established for his Church.** The Pope serves as a father and shepherd, reminding us that despite our differences, we belong to one Body. Of course, Peter himself was imperfect. He misunderstood Jesus, acted impulsively and even denied him. Yet Christ chose Peter, prayed for him, forgave him and entrusted his flock to his care. The strength of the Church rests not upon the perfection of Peter or his successors, but upon the faithfulness of Christ who promised to remain with his Church. That is something that should give us tremendous hope. In an age when division comes so easily, the papacy is a beautiful sign that Christ continues to gather his people into one. Unity does not mean that we will always agree about everything. It means that our disagreements need never become greater than the communion we share in Christ. Let us therefore love the Church, pray faithfully for the Pope, and treasure our communion with him. May we never take for granted the beautiful gift Christ has given us in the ministry of Peter. May Christ keep his Church united, faithful and always built upon the rock.

United with you in Christ,

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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MORUYAPlease contact
the Parish Office**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR****Mon 24th - St. Bartholomew****Tues 25th**— Tues 21st Wk in OT**Wed 26th**—Wed 21st Wk in OT**Thurs 27th**—St Monica**Fri 28th**—St. Augustine**Sat 29th**— Passion of John
the Baptist**COMMUNION TO THE SICK REGISTER**

To help us provide the best possible pastoral care for our sick and housebound parishioners, we are introducing a **Communion Register**. Ministers of Holy Communion are kindly asked to complete the Register before taking Holy Communion to the sick, housebound or those in care facilities. The Communion Register is located in the sacristy on the shelf. This is to ensure continuity of care for our vulnerable parishioners.

BANKSIA/BROULEE ANOINTING MASS

Our next Banksia/Broulee Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on **Thursday, 3 September** in the **Grevillea Comm. Centre**.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and fellowship.

FIRST SATURDAY ANOINTING MASS

Our next First Saturday Anointing Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on **Saturday, 5 September** at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya. MMP Cenacle Prayers before Mass, with Confessions, Adoration and Benediction following. All are warmly welcome.

**THANK YOU - ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The members of our Conference, along with those that we support, are extremely grateful for the Parish response to our winter appeal. Your generosity has enabled us to provide staple food items to those who are struggling financially and warm rugs to ward off the winter chills. May God bless you all.

CLAIR HOLMES FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for Clair Holmes will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, 27 August at 11am.

'I AM A CATHOLIC' CARD

The I AM CATHOLIC card, developed by the Knights of the Southern Cross, can be carried in your wallet or purse to indicate that you would like a priest to visit you if you are in hospital or involved in an accident. Parish contact details can be included.

The card is free for adult parishioners. For information or to order, contact Bob Perkins KSC Canberra at perkins.family@aapt.net.au.



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. Monica
pray for us!

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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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, Monique Driver.

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, 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	22nd/23rd August	29th/30th August	22nd/23rd August	29th/30th August	24 August	31 August
SAT 5pm	M. Munce S. Heffernan	J. Heffernan C. Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	G. Campbell D. Fee	G. Campbell C. Gandy
SUN 10am	L. Strahlendorf R. Patyus	R. Zammit C. Mackin	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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code: