

**FIRST READING****Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 2:4-9**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow.  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away;  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die,  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'  
After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

**PENTECOST**

YEAR A | 24 MAY 2026

## “COME HOLY SPIRIT: RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH”

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

*Dear Parishioners,*

On the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church. In the Gospel of John, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors, fearful and uncertain, when the risen Jesus comes among them and says, “Peace be with you.” He then breathes upon them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:19–23). **This moment changes everything.** The frightened disciples become courageous witnesses. Those once hidden away are sent into the world proclaiming Christ with boldness, joy, and faith. Pentecost reminds us that the Church was not born simply as an institution or gathering, but as a living body filled with the very life and Spirit of God. This is important for us to remember today. The Church is far more than a Sunday gathering or a building we visit once a week. Through Baptism, each of us has become part of the Body of Christ, called to carry His presence into the world through the witness of our lives. **The Holy Spirit continues to work through ordinary people who choose to live with faith, hope, charity, mercy, and courage.** In a world that is becoming increasingly secular and uncertain, the witness of Christian life matters deeply. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every invitation to Mass, every moment of forgiveness, every effort to raise children in the faith, and every quiet act of love becomes part of the Church’s mission to proclaim Christ to the world. Pentecost also invites each of us to reflect prayerfully: how can we use the gifts God has given us to proclaim Christ in the midst of our world? Each person has a role within the life and mission of the Church, and the Holy Spirit continues to work through the unique gifts and vocations of God’s people. Pentecost reminds us that we are not alone in this mission. The same Holy Spirit given to the Apostles has been poured into our hearts. God continues to strengthen His Church and send us out with renewed purpose. As we celebrate this great feast and the birthday of the Church, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew our parish community. May our parish be a place where people encounter Christ alive and active through our worship, service, unity, and love for one another. Come, Holy Spirit, and set our hearts on fire with the love of Christ.

With every 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**

1<sup>ST</sup> 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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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL  
CALENDAR**

**Mon 25th** — Our Lady  
Help of Christians

**Tues 26th** — St Philip Neri

**Wed 27th** — St Augustine  
of Canterbury

**Thurs 28th**—St Senator

**Fri 29th** — St Paul VI

**Sat 30th** — St Joan of Arc



**Parish Office**

The Parish Office is currently closed;  
re-opening on Wednesday, 17 June.

**Fr. Josh away on Conference**

Fr. Josh will be away  
from Monday to Thursday  
at a Police Chaplaincy Conference  
this week. Please pray for Fr. Josh and  
all chaplains of the NSW Police Force.



**Parish Assembly - Thank you**

Thank you to all who participated in our  
Parish Assembly. Your prayer, presence,  
and willingness to listen to one another and  
the Holy Spirit were a great gift to our  
parish community. Please continue to pray  
that the fruits of this gathering may help  
guide our parish in faith, unity, and  
mission.

**St Vinnie's Shop - Volunteers needed**

St Vincent de Paul Society is currently seeking more volunteers  
for our local Vinnies shop. Even a small amount of time can  
make a meaningful difference in serving those in need within  
our community. If you are interested in helping, please contact  
the shop or speak with the Parish Office

**Bodalla Mass**

This Sunday, 24 May at 12pm. Everyone is  
welcome to lunch afterwards at the  
Bodalla Pub.

**St Joan of Arc - Patroness of France**

As we honour Saint Joan of Arc, we especially  
acknowledge our French parishioners within  
our parish community. This courageous young  
saint, who remained faithful to Christ amidst  
great trial, continues to inspire the Church  
with her courage, purity, and trust in God.

May we confidently seek her intercession for  
our families, our parish, and for renewed faith  
and courage in our own lives.

*Sainte Jeanne d'Arc, priez pour nous!*



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



**WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, 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 Patricia and Geoffrey Daley, Fr. Michael Mullen, 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.

**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	23rd/24th May	30th/31st May	23rd/24th May	30th/31st May	25 May	1 June
SAT 5pm	M. Munce S. Heffernan	J. Heffernan C.Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	G. Campbell T. Chatto	R. Parnell L. O'Connor
SUN 10am	G. Strahlendorf R. Patyus	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.

**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.

**CONNECT WITH US...**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Wednesday and Friday—9.00 am - 2.00 pm



**For access to our website, online bulletins and other details please see the QR code:**