

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**Cf. Ps 97: 1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

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

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house.

As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**John 14:6****Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through
me. If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen
him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Cf. Jn 15: 1,5**

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in
him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A | 3 MAY 2026



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

“DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks into a moment of uncertainty: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... Trust in God still, and trust in me." The disciples are anxious, sensing that things are about to change, and the stability they have known is slipping away. Into that unease, Jesus does not offer quick fixes—He offers Himself.

It is not difficult to recognise something of our own world in this moment. Many are feeling the strain of rising fuel prices, increasing utility costs, and the growing pressure of the cost of living. Families are making difficult decisions. There is a quiet anxiety that can sit in the background of daily life. In such a climate, Jesus' words are not naïve—they are deeply necessary: **“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”**

Notice how He says this. He does not deny that there are reasons to be troubled. Rather, He invites us to place our trust in something—and Someone—greater than the instability around us. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." When the path ahead feels uncertain, Christ does not simply point us in the right direction; He walks with us as the Way. When competing voices and fears cloud our thinking, He remains the Truth that grounds us. When life feels diminished or weighed down, He is the Life that restores hope.

Jesus also speaks of preparing a place for us. This is not only about the life to come, but about the assurance that our lives are held within God's loving purpose. Even when circumstances feel fragile, our ultimate home is secure in Him. And then comes the quiet challenge: "Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do." In a time when many are struggling, this takes on a particular urgency. To follow Christ now means to be attentive to those under pressure—to show practical generosity, to offer encouragement, to be patient and present. The Way of Christ becomes visible when we walk alongside one another, especially in difficult times.

This Gospel does not remove the challenges before us, but it reframes them. We are not alone, and we are not without direction.

Christ is with us—steady, faithful, and leading us forward.

May we entrust our worries to Him this week, and allow His presence to shape the way we care for one another.

With every blessing,

Father Josh

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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**

Mon 4th —St. Florian
(Patron Saint of Firefighters)

Tues 5th — St. Jutta

Wed 6th— St. Petronax

Thurs 7th—St. John of Beverley

Fri 8th — Anniv of election of
Pope Leo XIV, 2025

Sat 9th — St. Gerontius



First Eucharist Enrolment Evening

Parents of children in Year 4 are warmly invited to enrol their child for First Holy Communion.

This year features a renewed program that not only prepares children for the sacrament but also forms them as disciples of Christ, deepening their faith and connection to the Church.

The Enrolment Evening will be held **this Tuesday, 5 May**, in the Church, **beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass.**

We look forward to journeying with your family.

Moruya Parish Assembly

Our parish will hold a Parish Assembly on **Saturday 23 May.**

This essential, prayerful gathering brings us together to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit, discerning the future direction of our community. Through guided reflection and shared conversation, we will identify key themes to shape our path forward—renewing hope, strengthening engagement, and clarifying our mission of evangelisation. Please keep an eye out for further details.



Prayer to St Florian for Firefighters

St Florian, protector of firefighters, watch over those who face danger in service of others.

Give them courage in the flames, wisdom in every decision, and strength in times of trial.

Keep them safe in their work and bring them home to their families. May their service reflect Christ's love and care.

St Florian, pray for them.
Amen.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please advise the Parish Office if you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope program for the next financial year. Alternatively, if you would like to move away from this form of giving to a Direct Debit arrangement, please advise the office by emailing moruya@cg.org.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.

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



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton, Marlene Moore.

FOR OUR SICK

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

Also pray for Fr. Michael Mullen, 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

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	2nd/3rd May	9th/10th May	2nd/3rd May	9th/10th May	4 May	11 May
SAT 5pm	M. Croese S. Heffernan	P. Pollock D. Moore	J. Wain	F. Levi	R. Parnell C. Gandy	T. Monaghan R. Parnell
SUN 10am	G. Strahlendorf P. Pollock	B. Gillett R. Patyus	J. Morris	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.

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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