

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7****(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a
tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his
servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But
the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one,
killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent
some more servants, this time a larger number,
and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally
he sent his son to them. "They will respect my
son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come
on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance."
So they seized him and threw him out of the
vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of
the vineyard comes, what will he do to those
tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those
wretches to a wretched end and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the
produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus
said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 4 OCTOBER 2026

'FROM SAYING YES TO LIVING YES'

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday, Jesus spoke of two sons invited to work in their father's vineyard. One refused but later went; the other agreed but did nothing. We were reminded that faith becomes real through our response: even after saying no to God, we can turn towards him and begin again.

This Sunday, Jesus takes us back into the vineyard. A landowner entrusts it to tenants, who reject his servants and ultimately kill his son. They want the vineyard's blessings without acknowledging the one to whom it belongs. It is a confronting Gospel, but it begins with generosity. The owner plants, protects and prepares the vineyard before entrusting it to others. Likewise, God has loved us first. Our lives, our faith, our families and our parish are gifts placed in our care. We are invited to nurture them so that others may experience his goodness. The question deepens from last week: having said yes to God, what fruit are we producing? Does our faith make us more patient at home, more compassionate towards those who struggle, more willing to forgive? Does belonging to our parish open our hearts to those who have yet to find their place among us? These questions invite honest conversion, not despair. Jesus speaks of the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone. His death and resurrection reveal that human rejection cannot defeat God's saving love. Christ can become the foundation of our lives, even where we have known failure, disappointment or regret. We do not bear fruit by our own strength. Through prayer, the Eucharist and Reconciliation, the Lord nourishes us and teaches us to love with his heart. Small acts of faithfulness can become a harvest of grace. This week, choose one part of God's vineyard entrusted to you: a relationship, a responsibility or someone needing care. Ask: what action is God inviting me to take? Then take that step, trusting him to work through it.

May our parish be a vineyard where mercy flourishes, hope takes root and everyone can discover the joy of belonging to Christ. There is still time to grow, grace to receive and good fruit for each of us to bear.

Yours 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

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 5th - St. Faustina

Tues 6th - St Bruno

Wed 7th - OL of the Rosary

Thurs 8th - Thurs of 27Wk OT

Fri 9th - St. John Henry
Newman

Sat 10th - Mass of BVM



'SACRED CANTATAS'

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of classical music as The Southern Concert presents Sacred Cantatas at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya, on **Sunday 11 October at 2pm**. Featuring soprano Greta Claringbould and works by Buxtehude, Tunder, Stradella and Rosenmüller. Bring a friend and enjoy the beauty of sacred music together! Tickets can be purchased through the QR code on the poster in the foyer or on the day.

BODALLA MASS

Mass will be celebrated at St Edmund's Church, Bodalla on Friday, 9 October at 9am.
All welcome to attend.



BAPTISMS

Please join us in warmly welcoming the Monteith and Unabia families as their children, Grace, Maisy and Lance, receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers. May they grow in the love of Jesus and always find welcome, encouragement and support within our parish family.

SAVE THE DATE - MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday 1 November | 10:00 am | Goulburn

Celebrate All Saints Day with an ecumenical Marian Procession, departing from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul. Hosted by Goulburn's Parish of Mary Queen of Apostles, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and faith.

All are warmly welcome!



PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a beautiful prayer that invites us to draw closer to Jesus through Mary as we reflect on the mysteries of his life, death and resurrection. Whether you pray it regularly or are just beginning, consider setting aside a little time each day, even for one decade, to bring your family, your worries and your hopes before God.

Free "How to Pray the Rosary" cards are available at Our Lady's Altar. Join us for the Rosary before all Masses throughout November. Beginners are warmly welcome!



St. Faustina
Pray for us!

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



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, 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, Brian Jelfs, 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	3rd/4th October	10th/11th October	3rd/4th October	10th/11th October	6 October	12 October
SAT 5pm	C. Palise C. Cahill	D. McCann D. Moore	T. Cahill	F. Levi	R. Parnell T. Chatto	T. Monaghan T. Cahill
SUN 10am	H. Browne I. Browne	B. Gillett R. Patyus	G. Campbell	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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