

The Baptism of the Lord—11th January 2026

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of
right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and
light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that
God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any
nationality who fears God and does what is right is
acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel,
and it was to them that the good news of peace was
brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all
men. You must have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and
how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching
baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and
with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went
about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens were opened and the Father's voice
was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!**

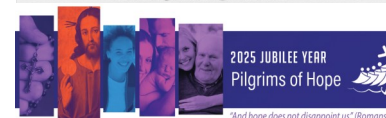
Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by
John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need
baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!'
But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it
is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that
righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the
water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw
the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming
down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my
Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Moruya

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Parish Secretary: Vickie Moore

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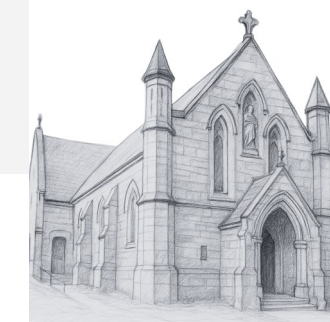
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Year A

The Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2026

Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya

36 Queen Street, Moruya

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am

'The Pines', Tuross Head

36 Craddock Rd, Tuross Head

Sunday: 8.00am

St. Edmund's, Bodalla

162 Princes Hwy, Bodalla

4th Sunday: 12 noon

Weekday Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Tuesday: 5.00pm

Wed, Thurs, Friday: 9.15am

St Edmund's, Bodalla

2nd Friday: 9.00am

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Sacred Heart, Moruya

First Mondays: 6pm

Confessions

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Tuesday: After Mass.

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4:50pm

Adoration

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Fridays: 9:45am

(After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary

Daily: After Mass

STANDING AMONG US: GOD'S LOVE REVEALED IN CHRIST

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are invited to stand once more at the waters of the Jordan, where Jesus came to John. Imagine the scene: a humble river, a faithful prophet, and the Messiah stepping forward—not in power, but in solidarity with all who seek repentance and new life. Jesus' words, "to fulfil all righteousness," remind us that God's way is always one of love, service, and closeness to the human heart. He did not stand apart from humanity; he entered fully into our world, standing among sinners, sharing in our hopes, struggles, and need for God's mercy.

As Jesus rises from the waters, the Spirit descends like a gentle dove, and the Father's voice rings out: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." What hope-filled words! What assurance! In this intimate moment, we glimpse the very heart of God—a God who embraces humanity, pours out love freely, and calls us into this same familial intimacy.

And these words are not for Jesus alone. Through him, God speaks to each of us in the waters of our own baptism: "You are my beloved daughter, my beloved son, on whom my favour rests." What a gift it is to know, at the very core of our being, that we are cherished by God—not because of what we have done, but because of who we are in Christ.

Today, this Feast calls us to live in that light. To begin each day with the knowledge of God's love. To carry that hope into our families, our work, and our communities. To trust that, like Jesus, our journey of faith is guided by the Spirit, confirmed by God's voice, and shaped by love.

May this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord renew your courage, deepen your joy, and fill your heart with peace. Let us go forth knowing that we are God's beloved, called to live in the Spirit, and sent to reflect that love to the world.

With every blessing,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

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THE EPIHANY PROCLAMATION

The Epiphany proclamation of Easter dates began when calendars were scarce, ensuring key feasts were known. Though calendars now suffice, the proclamation endures as a reminder of Easter's central place in the liturgical year. Traditionally announced after the Gospel, it highlights the Church's great mysteries celebrated annually.



Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **eighteenth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the **ninth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **fifth** day of **April** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **twenty-fourth** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost. On the **seventh** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **twenty-ninth** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH GROUPS

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Moruya
 Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 12th — Weekday 1st Week in OT.
Tues 13th — Weekday 1st Week in OT.
Wed 14th — Weekday 1st Week in OT.
Thur 15th — Weekday 1st Week in OT.
Fri 16th — Weekday 1st Week in OT.
Sat 17th — St. Anthony, Abbott.
Sun 18th — 2nd Sunday in O.T

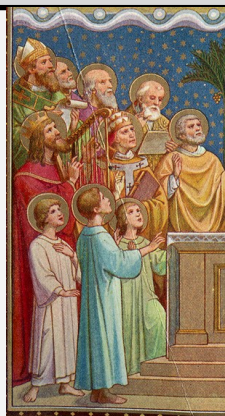
January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus



CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

As of **this February** our weekday Mass times will change to the following:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—5pm
Friday—9.15am

Confessions will also be available straight after the Evening Masses.



Community Appeal: Support Paul Allard and His Family

There is a call for support to help local man Paul Allard during his rehabilitation in Canberra after a stroke. Donations will help support him and his wife Rhonda during this difficult time. Please feel free to donate using the QR code.



Recently Deceased: Fr. Francis Fuchs, Ian Cheeseman, Barbara Kirk, Marykutty Joseph (Fr. Kos' mother), Geoffrey Scott, Murray Scott, Jean Calcutt, Caroline Nader.

Those who are sick and housebound: For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners, Gerry Ebbelaar, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysse, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Lee Maat, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Han and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Mark Wales, Jenny Hopkins, Clair Holmes, Patricia Murphy, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Viola Collaran, Sylvia Heffernan, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr. Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery, John Heffernan, Mark Chatto, Norma and Graham Beer, Fr. Michael Mullen.

NOTICES

WELCOME MR. ANDREW KENNEALLY—NEW PRINCIPAL OF CARROLL COLLEGE, BROULEE



With great joy and confidence, we congratulate **Mr. Andrew Kenneally** on his appointment as **Principal of Carroll College, Broulee**.

Andrew joined Catholic Education Canberra and Goulburn in 2023 as Assistant Principal at Carroll College, bringing with him a wealth of experience shaped by 21 years of dedicated service in the Diocese of Wollongong. During this time, including thirteen years at Corpus Christi Catholic School, Andrew has exercised strong, faith-filled leadership in roles such as Leader of Curriculum and Improvement, Leader of Learning and Teaching, and Acting Assistant Principal, as well as serving as a teacher at John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow, and St Gregory's College, Campbelltown.



Andrew's leadership is underpinned by deep professional knowledge and a genuine commitment to Catholic Education. He holds postgraduate qualifications in Theology and Educational Leadership, along with degrees in Teaching and Technology, and most recently completed a Graduate Certificate in Education (Highly Accomplished/Lead Education Practice).

We look forward with great hope and enthusiasm to Andrew's leadership, confident that his wisdom, faith, and passion for learning will richly bless the Carroll College community in the years ahead.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Direct Debit and Tap N Go are available. Thank you for your generosity. If possible, consider donating to the 1st and 2nd collections via direct debit.

1ST COLLECTION – Supports Arch. Clergy

Direct Debit (include "Sacred Heart Parish"):
BSB: 062-786 | Account: 000029248 | Reference:
 Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya & Surname

2ND COLLECTION – Supports the Parish

Direct Debit / Bank Deposit:
BSB: 062-786 | Account: 000014984 | Reference:
 Planned Giving # & Surname (current givers) or "Donation" (new givers)

MORUYA ROSTERS

Mass	Readers		Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
	10th/11th January	17th/18th January	10th/11th January	17th/18th January	12 January	19 January
SAT 5pm	D. McCann D. Moore	P. Pollock M. Joyce	F. Levi	T. Cahill	T. Monaghan C. Gandy	R. Parnell G. Campbell
SUN 10am	B. Gillett P. Pollock	R. Zammit C. Mackin	G. Campbell	J. Gillett		

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—Pauline Parnell, 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.