

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the

ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Moruya

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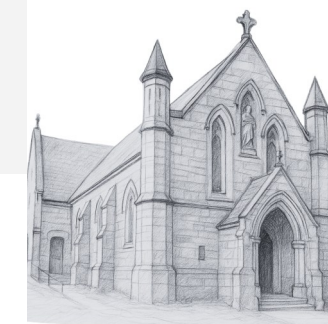
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Year A

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 15th February 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

Tues, Wed, Thursday: 5.00pm

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

Tues—Thursday : After Mass.

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4:50pm

Adoration

Sacred Heart, Moruya

Fridays: 9:45am

(After 9.15 Mass)

Rosary

Daily: After Mass

A DEEPER RIGHTEOUSNESS, A READY HEART

Dear Parishioners,

This Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us to an important threshold. It is the final Sunday before we enter the holy season of Lent, and the Gospel invites us to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Law, not as a burden, but as a pathway to deeper life. He calls his disciples beyond mere rule-keeping toward an interior faith—a righteousness of the heart. Jesus reminds us that God desires more than outward observance; He longs for hearts shaped by love, mercy, reconciliation, and integrity.

This is a hopeful message. Jesus does not condemn our weaknesses; instead, he invites us into growth. He believes we are capable, by grace, of living lives that reflect God's goodness more fully. The call is not to perfection, but to sincerity—to allow God to work within us.

As we stand on the edge of Lent, this Gospel is timely. Lent is not about punishment or self-denial for its own sake. It is an invitation to freedom. An adequate Lenten penance—whether prayer, fasting, almsgiving, or a deliberate letting go—creates space for God to act. It helps us love more deeply, forgive more readily, and listen more attentively to the Lord.

Now is a good moment to ask: *How is God inviting me to grow this Lent?* What needs healing, softening, or renewal within my heart? Even small, faithful commitments can bear great fruit when they are offered with trust.

Let us approach Lent with hope, not fear; with intention, not reluctance. God is already at work, drawing us closer, preparing us for renewal.

May this final Sunday before Lent stir within us a quiet readiness—a desire to walk with Christ more closely in the weeks ahead.

With every blessing,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY,
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BROULEE**
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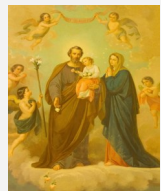
**Caring Group
Tuross Head**
Mob: 0497 315 534

Moruya
Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 16th —St Juliana
Tues 17th— The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Wed 18th— Ash Wednesday
Thurs 19th— St Boniface of Lausanne
Fri 20th— Sts Jacinta & Francisco of Fatima
Sat 21st — St Peter Damian
Sun 22nd — 1st Sunday of Lent

February
is dedicated
to the
Holy Family
(J.M.J.)



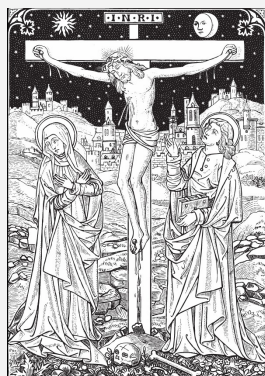
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

9.15 AM—St. Mary's Primary School
(Ash Wed. Liturgy)

10.15 AM—Carroll College
(Ash Wed. Liturgy)

5 PM—Ash Wednesday Mass

***Please note that St. Mary's Primary and Carroll College are having Ash Wed. Liturgies not Masses.*



NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues—Thursday 5pm
Adoration and Confessions available
after Tuesday and Thursday Masses.
Friday
9.15 am

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT

The Yr 3 Reconciliation Enrolment Meeting is on **Tuesday, 24 February** 5:30pm, Sacred Heart Church. For those children not Baptised at SH, Moruya, a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required.

NEW BULLETIN DESIGN

As Microsoft Publisher will be defunct at the end of the year, we will be changing over to a new bulletin design as of Ash Wednesday. Please be patient as this transition occurs.

FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES

CATECHISM IN A YEAR: This year, Ascension Press will also again run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy

BIBLE IN A YEAR: Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.

Recently Deceased: Greg Thornton, Marlene Moore, Fr. Frank Fuchs, Ian Cheeseman, Barbara Kirk, Marykuty Joseph (Fr. Kos' mother), Geoffrey Scott, Murray Scott, Jean Calcutt.
Those who are sick and housebound: For those in Aged care facilities and in Moruya Hospital, for our sick and housebound parishioners, Fr. Michael Mullen, Gerry Ebbelaar, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysen, 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.

NOTICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING

This weekend, we joyfully commission our school teachers from St Mary's Primary, Carroll College, and St Bernard's Primary, giving thanks for their generous service in our Catholic schools. Teaching in these communities is more than a profession; it is a life-giving vocation of hope and intentional discipleship. As they are commissioned, our teachers are called to live out their vocation each day—shaping hearts as well as minds, and witnessing to Christ through faith, virtue, and care for every child. As the new school year unfolds, we pray they are renewed with enthusiasm, courage, and joy, and strengthened to say "yes" to God's call. Teachers are warmly encouraged to take an active part in the life of the Catholic community and in the celebration of the Mass, where the Eucharist gently nourishes their hearts, renews their spirits, and strengthens them for the sacred mission entrusted to them. As a faith community, we are invited to walk with our Catholic school staff—holding them in prayer, offering encouragement, and supporting them with care—so that together we may grow in faith and faithfully witness to Christ in our schools and in the life of the Church.



HOLY WATER AVAILABLE

Feel free to take Holy Water home with you. Simply bring a bottle and fill it at the Holy Water station on the left side of the church, beside the All Souls' Altar. May it be a blessing for you and your home.



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

	Readers		Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	14th/15th February	21st/22nd February	14th/15th February	21st/22nd February	16th February	23rd February
SAT 5pm	Teachers from St Mary's	M. Croese S. Heffernan	T. Cahill	F. Levi	R. Parnell C. Gandy	G. Campbell D. Fee
SUN 10.am	P. Pollock J. Gillett	G. Strahlendorf R. Patyus	J. Morris	G. Campbell		

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.