

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.’

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’



# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Moruya

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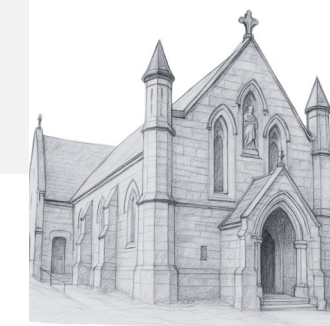
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## 1st Sunday of Advent 30th November 2025

### 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

### AWAKEN TO HOPE: A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the beautiful season of Advent, I want to share with you a message of deep hope drawn from the Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent, Year A (Matthew 24:37–44). At first glance, Jesus’ words about staying awake and being ready for the coming of the Son of Man can feel a little unsettling. He speaks of unexpected moments and the need for vigilance. Yet beneath these strong images lies a gentle invitation: God is drawing near, and He desires to meet us in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Jesus reminds us that in the days of Noah, people were simply eating, drinking, marrying, and living their everyday routines. It was in the midst of these ordinary rhythms that God acted. The same is true for us. We may imagine that God comes only in dramatic moments or grand spiritual experiences, but Advent teaches us that He often arrives quietly—like dawn breaking slowly over the horizon. His grace slips into our daily life in small, unnoticed ways. The call to “stay awake” is not meant to make us anxious; it is meant to awaken hope within us. Christ is not asking us to live in fear of His coming, but to live attentively, with hearts open to the presence of God who is already at work around us. Advent is an invitation to see the world as Jesus sees it: full of grace, possibility, and promise.

This is our great hope as Advent begins: Christ is coming, not only at the end of time, but here and now—into our homes, our families, our struggles, our joys, and every corner of our longing hearts. He comes as the Prince of Peace, bringing light where there is darkness, courage where there is weariness, and tenderness where there is hurt.

So let this Advent be a time of quiet renewal. A time to pause, to breathe, to slow down enough to notice the gentle movements of God’s love. Every candle we light, every prayer we offer, every small act of kindness becomes a doorway through which Christ’s light can enter.

May this sacred season fill your heart with hope, peace, and a renewed sense of God’s nearness. Let us walk together, awake and expectant, ready to welcome Christ who comes to make all things new.

With every Advent blessing, Fr. Josh

## NOTICES

### PARISH SCHOOLS

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY, MORUYA**  
*Johanna Wain*  
**Principal**  
 Ph: 02 4474 2817



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*Jacqui Heffernan*  
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### PARISH GROUPS

**St Vincent de Paul Conference**  
 37 Queen Street, Moruya  
 Phone: 02 6234 7404

**Caring Group Tuross Head**  
 Mob: 0497 315 534

**Moruya**  
 Please call the Parish Office

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1st —St. Edmund Campian & Companions  
 Tues 2nd —St Bibiana  
 Wed 3rd — St. Francis Xavier  
 Thurs 4th — St. John Damascene  
 Fri 5th — St. Sabas  
 Sat 6th — St Nicholas  
 Sun 7th — 2nd Sunday of Advent

**November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory**



### FR. JOSH PRAYERS

Following the death of his beloved grandfather, Murray Scott, please keep Fr. Josh and his family in your prayers during this time of grief, asking the Lord to comfort them with His gentleness and peace.

### PARISH OFFICE PHONE

A reminder that the Parish Office's new phone number is **02 4474 0889**. Thank you for your patience over the last three months.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** As we near the end of November, if you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, envelopes are available on the pews and in the foyer. Simply write their names along with a donation and return the envelope to the parish office or place it on the collection plate.

**MEMORIAL BOOK—MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** During November, we remember and pray for all our deceased loved ones. Our Parish Memorial Book holds the names of those we wish to especially remember in prayer. To add the names of your loved ones, please email the parish office.

**ALL SOUL'S DAY— PICTURES OF LOVED ONES:** During November, all were invited to place a photo of a deceased loved one on the All Souls' Altar for our November Masses. These photos will remain during Mass as we pray for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed.

### ST MARY'S GIVING LITURGY AND NATIVITY PLAY



You're warmly invited to our St Mary's Giving Liturgy and Kindergarten Nativity on Friday, 5 December at 9:00am. We will support St Vincent de Paul with donations of non-perishable food for local families. Students may wear festive mufti and enjoy the Mini Vinnies Christmas Cake Stall raising funds for our hamper appeal. After the liturgy, families are welcome to morning tea as we celebrate a wonderful first year of school and prepare for Christmas.

**Recently Deceased:** Murray Scott (Fr. Josh's Grandfather), Jean Calcutt, Caroline Nader, Robin Scobie, Diana Ebbelaar, Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR.

**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, Hahn 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, Noeleen Norman and Graham Beer.

## NOTICES

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Advent wreath is a circular decoration with four candles, used to mark the weeks leading up to Christmas. The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolises **Hope with the "Prophet's Candle"** reminding us that **Jesus is coming**. The candles are lit successively each Sunday, representing hope, peace, joy and love. A fifth, central candle is lit on Christmas Day to symbolise the **birth of Jesus**.



### PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us for our Parish Christmas Party on Saturday, 29 November, following the 5pm Mass. All are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of the festive season together. Please bring along some food and drinks to share as we enjoy an evening of friendship, gratitude, and Christmas cheer!

### BEHOLD + RESOUND

**A Parish Liturgy & Music Workshop at Moruya Parish Saturday, 6 December 10am-3:30pm**

Come experience a day of Faith, Beauty and Renewal Discover how the Liturgy of the Church and Music can draw you closer to Christ and deepen your life of prayer. Free of charge, light lunch provided. Please register via the QR code on Behold + Resound Poster in the Church foyer by **1 December**.

For full details visit: [CGEVANGELISATION.ORG.AU/BAR](http://CGEVANGELISATION.ORG.AU/BAR)

### 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	
	29th/30th November	6th/7th December	29th/30th November	6th/7th December	1 December	8 December
<b>SAT 5pm</b>	C. Palise P. Pollock	J. Heffernan C. Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	R. Parnell L. O'Connor	T. Monaghan C. Gandy
<b>SUN 10.am</b>	B. Gillett J. Gillett	R. Zammit G. Strahlendorf	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](mailto: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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or by phone on 02 6239 9806.