

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 56:1.6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4****(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Cf. Matthew 4:23****Alleluia, alleluia!**

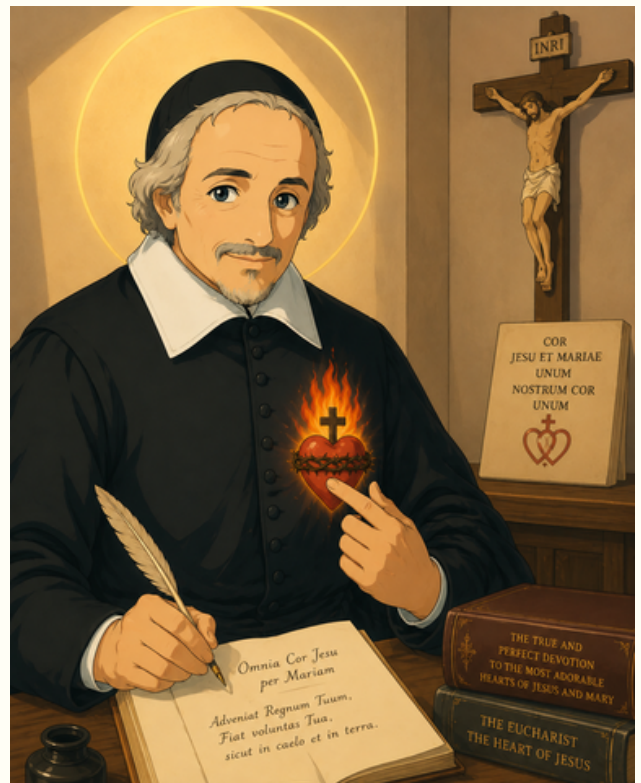
**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.**

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



St John Eudes (1601–1680) was a French priest, missionary and great promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary and worked tirelessly for the renewal of the priesthood. Through preaching and prayer, he encouraged Christians to place Christ's loving Heart at the centre of their lives.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 16TH AUGUST 2026

"A FAITH THAT REFUSES TO GIVE UP"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are moments in life when God can seem strangely silent. We pray, we wait, we hope, and yet the answer we long for does not seem to come. This Sunday's Gospel gives us a beautiful companion for precisely those moments: the Canaanite woman who refuses to give up on Jesus. She comes to him carrying something every parent can understand—the suffering of her child. She cries out, "Lord, Son of David, have pity on me." At first, Jesus appears silent. The disciples want her sent away. Yet she remains. She believes that beneath the silence is a heart of mercy. What strikes me most is her persistence. She does not allow disappointment, rejection or even the impatience of others to drive her away from Christ. She stays close to him. Finally, Jesus says those wonderful words: "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." There is something here for each of us. Perhaps you have been praying for someone you love for many years. Perhaps you carry worries about your family, your health, your future or your faith. Perhaps you have wondered whether God has heard you at all. ***This woman reminds us: do not walk away from Jesus because you cannot yet see what he is doing.***

Faith is not believing that everything will happen exactly as we want. Faith is trusting that Christ remains good, loving and present even when the road before us is unclear. And notice something else: this woman was an outsider, yet Jesus welcomed her faith. No one is beyond the reach of his mercy. No past, failure, wound or circumstance places us outside the loving Heart of Christ. There is always a place for us before him. So keep praying. Keep coming to Mass. Keep bringing him the names and faces of those you love. Keep knocking on the door of his Heart. The silence of today does not mean that God has abandoned us. Sometimes faith simply means remaining with Jesus long enough to discover that he has been with us all along. May we have the courage to pray with this woman: ***Lord, help me.*** And may we trust that the Lord who hears her also hears us.

Your brother in the Lord,

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

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*'In all things may
God be glorified'*

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MORUYA

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Mon 17th - 20th Wk in OT

Tues 18th— 20th Wk in OT

Wed 19th —No Mass

Thurs 20th—No Mass

Fri 21st —No Mass

**Sat 22nd — Our Lady, Mother
and Queen**



FR JOSH IN CANBERRA THIS WEEK

Fr Josh will be in Canberra Wednesday–Friday for several Archdiocesan celebrations, returning for the Archdiocesan Assembly in Batehaven on Saturday. Please pray for Fr Josh as he serves in Canberra and for safe travels home.

There will be no Masses celebrated on these days.

Archdiocesan Assembly

Join us on Saturday, 22 August, 9.00 am–4.00 pm, at St Bernard's Primary School Hall, Batemans Bay.

Please register by visiting

<https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly/>



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

With great joy, Don Mauro Salvador Gomez will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on **Wednesday, 19 August at 5:00pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra.

All are warmly invited to attend and are asked to keep Don Gomez in their prayers as he prepares for this joyful day.



Thank You – Banksia/Broulee Anointing Mass

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Banksia/Broulee Anointing Mass. It was wonderful to gather together in prayer, friendship and faith. Thank you to all who helped make this special celebration possible. We look forward to gathering again next month!



PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Parish Trivia Night! It was a fantastic evening filled with plenty of fun, laughter and great company.

Special thanks to Glenda Collins, Margie Croese and the organising committee for all their hard work, and to everyone who generously donated prizes and supported the night. Thank you for making it such a wonderful parish celebration!



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

Brig. Peter Evans OAM, Ian Bowditch, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Ingham, Pauline Morgan, Fr Troy Bobbin, Kim Xuyen Brierley, Kathleen Hodge, Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan.

FOR OUR SICK

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

Also pray for Helen Franks, Nadia Hawden, Patricia and Geoffrey Daley, Clair Holmes, 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, Noel and Eddie.

St. Pius X
pray for us!

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	
<i>Mass</i>	<i>15th/16th August</i>	<i>22nd/23rd August</i>	<i>15th/16th August</i>	<i>22nd/23rd August</i>	<i>17 August</i>	<i>24 August</i>
SAT 5pm	D. McCann C. Palise	M. Munce S. Heffernan	T. Cahill	F. Levi	R. Parnell C. Gandy	G. Campbell D. Fee
SUN 10am	P. Pollock J. Gillett	L. Strahlendorf 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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