

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**Cf. Acts 1:11**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING**Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Matthew 28:19. 20****Alleluia, alleluia!****Go and teach all people my gospel.****I am with you always, until the end of the world.****Alleluia!****GOSPEL****Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Cf. Mt 28:20**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**Saint
Cristóbal
Magallanes
and his
Companions
- pray for us!**



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
YEAR A | 17 MAY 2026

“I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”: SENT ON MISSION

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel for the Ascension of the Lord, Jesus gathers His disciples on the mountain and speaks words that continue to echo through the life of the Church: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ... and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:16–20).

The Ascension is not the story of Jesus leaving us behind. Rather, it is the moment Christ entrusts His mission to His people. The disciples stand looking toward Heaven, but they are sent back into the world with renewed purpose, hope, and confidence in the abiding presence of the Lord. These words speak powerfully to us as a parish community today.

Next week, our parish will gather for the Moruya Parish Assembly on Saturday 23 May. This Assembly is not simply a meeting or planning exercise. It is a prayerful opportunity to listen deeply to the Holy Spirit and to one another as we discern where God is calling our parish in the years ahead.

Together, we will prayerfully reflect upon four important dimensions of parish life: *Community, Formation, Worship, and Mission*. Through prayer, listening, and shared discernment, we seek to grow as a parish more united in Christ, more alive in faith, and more confident in living and proclaiming the Gospel entrusted to us by the Lord.

Just as the disciples gathered around the Lord before being sent out on mission, so too we gather as a parish family—to pray, to listen, and to be renewed for the work Christ entrusts to us.

I warmly encourage you to attend and take part. Your voice, your faith, your experience, and your love for this parish matter deeply. Whether you have been here for many years or have only recently joined our community, you have an important place within the life and future of our parish.

This weekend is the final opportunity to register for the Parish Assembly. I encourage you to prayerfully consider being part of this important moment in the life of our parish community.

Please continue praying for our Parish Assembly, that it may be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead us ever closer to Christ and His mission.

With every blessing,
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 18th —St. John I

Tues 19th — No Mass

Wed 20th — No Mass

Thurs 21st—No Mass

Fri 22nd — No Mass

Sat 23rd — Pentecost Family
Mass & Parish Assembly

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be open on Thursday, 21 May and closed from Friday, 22 May. Re-opening on Wednesday, 17 June.

Parish Assembly

Our Parish Assembly will take place next week

on **Saturday, 23 May at 2 pm.**

This prayerful gathering will help us listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern the future direction of our parish. Together, we will reflect upon four key dimensions of parish life: Community, Formation, Worship, and Mission, prayerfully considering how we may continue to grow in each area.

This weekend is the final opportunity to register. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to prayerfully consider taking part in this important moment in the life of our parish community.



Pentecost Vigil Family Mass

Families and parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our **Pentecost Vigil Family Mass next Saturday at 5pm** as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Following Mass, all are welcome to gather for a community BBQ at the school hall. We would love to see families, children, and parishioners come together for an evening of faith, fellowship, and celebration.



Bodalla Mass

Mass next Sunday, 24 May at St Edmund's, Bodalla at 12 o'clock and lunch afterwards at the Bodalla Pub. All welcome.

Clergy Assembly

Fr Josh will be attending the Clergy Assembly in Galong this week from 18-22 May. Please keep Fr Josh and the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers.



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 loquitur' - *'Heart speaks to heart'*
~St. John Henry Newman



WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Mick Colefax, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton.

FOR OUR SICK

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

Also pray for Patricia and Geoffrey Daley, Fr. Michael Mullen, Clair Holmes, Gerry Ebbelaar, Jan Morris, Christopher Morris, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton, Sue and Rod McDonald, Han and Pauline de Grave, Hans Brosch, Father Giles Setter OFM, Jenny Hopkins, Patricia Murphy, Paul and Margaret Ryan, Rita and Doug Marion, Sylvia Heffernan, Rae and Peter Fishlock, Michael Irwin, Fr Greg Beath, Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery, Mark Chatto, Norma and Graham Beer.

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	16th/17th May	23rd/24th May	16th/17thMay	23rd/24th May	18 May	25 May
SAT 5pm	D. McCann C. Palise	M. Munce S. Heffernan	T. Cahill	F. Levi	D. Fee T. Cahill	G. Campbell T. Chatto
SUN 10am	P. Pollock J. Gillett	G. Strahlendorf R. Patyus	J. Morris	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.

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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