

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

Communion Antiphon: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

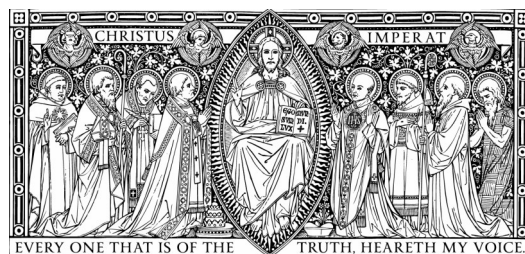
'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.



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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



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Year A

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 18th 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

HERE IS THE LAMB OF GOD: A CALL TO HOPE AND WITNESS

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), the Gospel invites us to pause with John the Baptist as he points to Jesus and proclaims, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

These are not dramatic words shouted for attention, but a quiet, steady witness. John does not draw attention to himself; he simply points. In doing so, he teaches us something essential about discipleship: our role is not to have all the answers, but to recognise Christ in our midst and help others to see him too.

In this Gospel, Jesus is revealed not as a distant or overpowering figure, but as one who comes among us with humility and purpose. The image of the "Lamb of God" speaks of gentleness, sacrifice, and faithful love. It reminds us that God's way of saving the world is not through force, but through self-giving love that heals, restores, and reconciles.

This is a message of deep hope for us today. In a world that often feels heavy with uncertainty, conflict, or personal struggle, we are reminded that God is already at work—quietly, faithfully—bringing light where there is darkness and peace where there is fear. Christ takes seriously the brokenness of our world and of our own hearts, and he meets it with mercy.

Like John the Baptist, we too are called to witness. This does not require perfection, eloquence, or great achievements. It simply asks that we live in a way that points to Christ: through kindness, integrity, patience, forgiveness, and compassion. Often it is these small, faithful acts that speak most clearly of God's presence.

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, may we grow in confidence that God is near, active, and deeply involved in our lives. May we recognise Christ among us, and with hope and trust, help others to do the same.

With every blessing,

Fr. Josh

The Sacred Heart Catholic Parish comprises the localities of Moruya, Moruya Heads, Broulee, Mossy Point, Congo, Tuross Heads and Bodalla.

'Cor ad cor loquitor' - 'Heart speaks to heart'

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Moruya
Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 19th —Weekday 2nd Week in OT.
Tues 20th— St. Sebastian
Wed 21st— St. Agnes
Thur 22nd— St. Vincent
Fri 23rd— Weekday 2nd Week in OT.
Sat 24th — St. Francis de Sales
Sun 25th — 3rd Sunday in OT.

January
is dedicated
to the
Holy Name of
Jesus



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER JOSH!

With grateful hearts, we wish a very Happy Birthday to **Father Josh**, who has been our Parish Priest for the past six months. In a short time, he has warmly welcomed us, journeyed with us in faith, and enriched our parish with his kindness, generosity, and joyful spirit.

Please join us for a **morning tea after the Sunday Mass in Moruya** as we gather to celebrate Father Josh, give thanks for his ministry among us, and share in friendship, laughter, and cake!

All are most welcome—we would love you to be there.



**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES AFTER
TUESDAY 20TH THIS WEEK.**

ADORATION WILL REPLACE MASSES FOR THESE DAYS.

CORRECTION—EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

*Last week's proclamation of dates had some typos, apologies.
Here are the proper dates for the mention Feasts for 2026.*

Ash Wednesday—18th February
Easter Sunday— 5th April
Ascension of the Lord— 17th May
Pentecost—24th May
Corpus Christi— 7th June
First Sunday of Advent— 29th November



SPECIAL THANK YOU—CHRISTMAS DECORATION TEAM

A warm thank you to everyone who helped pack away the Christmas decorations and nativity scene this year. Your time and care are truly appreciated!



Recently Deceased: Fr. Frank Fuchs, Ian Cheeseman, Barbara Kirk, Marykuty 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, Fr. Michael Mullin, Gerry Ebbelaar, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuys, 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



WELCOME MR. JON BRADY—NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (CURRICULUM)

With great joy, we announce that **Mr Jon Brady** will be joining **Carroll College, Broulee** as our new Assistant Principal (Curriculum). Jon brings many years of teaching experience and a deep passion for student learning. His dedication and expertise will be a wonderful blessing to our College community as he steps into this important leadership role. Please keep Jon, and all our staff, in your prayers as he begins this exciting chapter of service.



WELCOME MRS. ERICA DREWSSEN—NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are delighted to share that **Mrs Erica Drewsen** has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal at **St Mary's Primary School, Moruya**.

Erica brings a wealth of experience in education, having served as Leader of Pedagogy at Carroll College. Her skills, heart, and dedication will greatly enrich the St Mary's community.

Please keep Erica, and all our staff, in your prayers as she embarks on this new and exciting role.



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Direct Debit (include "Sacred Heart Parish"):

BSB: 062-786 | **Account:** 000029248 | **Reference:** Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya & Surname

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MORUYA ROSTERS

Mass	Readers		Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
	17th/18th January	24th/25th January	17th/18th January	24th/25th January	19 January	27 January
SAT 5pm	P. Pollock M. Joyce	J. Heffernan C. Palise		F. Levi	R. Parnell G. Campbell	D. Fee T. Cahill
SUN 10.am	R. Zammit C. Mackin	H. Browne I. Browne	J. Gillett	J. Morris		

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.