

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

First Reading **Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans

that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 4:12-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.



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Year A

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 25th 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

COME, FOLLOW ME: LIVING IN CHRIST'S MISSION

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel invites us to hear Jesus' call to the first disciples: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." These words are simple, yet they carry a profound promise: to be with Christ is to be part of something greater, a mission that brings hope and life to the world.

In the Gospel, we see Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John leaving their nets immediately to follow Jesus. Their response is immediate and trusting—they do not hesitate because they recognise that life with Christ opens a new horizon. This call is not only for those first disciples but for each of us. Jesus calls us into his mission, inviting us to bring light, hope, and love into our families, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Being "fishers of men and women" is not about grand gestures. It is about living in a way that reflects Christ: through acts of compassion, patience, forgiveness, and kindness. Every small action, every word spoken with love, helps others see God's presence. Our ordinary lives, when guided by Christ, become extraordinary vessels of grace.

This Gospel reminds us that following Jesus is a journey of trust. There will be uncertainties and challenges, but there is also the joy of walking with the One who knows us fully and loves us deeply. Like the first disciples, we are invited to leave behind what holds us back and step into a life of purpose, guided by faith and hope.

As we continue through Ordinary Time, may we listen carefully to Jesus' call, respond with courage, and allow ourselves to be instruments of his peace and love. Together, as a parish community, may we bring hope to our world and encourage others to see the light of Christ in their lives.

With every blessing,
Fr. Josh

NOTICES

PARISH SCHOOLS

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PARISH GROUPS

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Moruya
Please call the Parish Office

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 26th — St Paula
Tues 27th— St Timothy, St Titus and St Angela Merici
Wed 28th — St Thomas Aquinas
Thur 29th— St Aquilinus
Fri 30th— St Martina
Sat 31st — St John Bosco
Sun 1st — 4th Sunday in O.T

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus



WELCOME FATHER JIM!

This weekend, we warmly welcome **Fr. Jim Monaghan**, Vicar General of the Diocese of Port Pirie, who is visiting family in Canberra and has kindly come to Moruya to assist while Fr. Josh recovers. We are grateful for his generosity and ministry—thank you, Fr. Jim!

PRAYERS FOR FATHER JOSH

Father Josh, has recently undergone planned surgery. We ask for your prayers for his healing, strength, and comfort during this time. May he feel the support and love of our parish family as he recovers.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Pauline and Han de Grave who celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on 23 January. May God Bless you both on this special occasion.

REMINDER: CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

From 3 February, our weekday Mass times will change to the following: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 5pm**
Friday: 9:15am

Confessions will also be available after the evening Masses.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA



Grant, we pray, O lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Josh, Fr. Michael Mullin, Gerry Ebbelaar, Bala Stankovich, Clare Broekhuysse, 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE MORUYA

The Moruya Conference of St Vincent de Paul provides support to people in need in the Sacred Heart Parish.

During December 2025 the Conference provided Christmas hampers and toys to 90 families, thanks to generous support from our Parish and community members. In addition to this, 92 families were assisted with food, clothing, medicine and electricity bills.



TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email tribunal@cg.org.au

PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

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	
	24th/25th January	31st/1st February	24th/25th January	31st/1st February	27 January	2 February
SAT 5pm	J. Heffernan C. Palise	M. Croese S. Heffernan	F. Levi	J. Wain	D. Fee T. Cahill	G. Campbell T. Chatto
SUN 10.am	H. Browne I. Browne	G. Strahlendorf P. Pollock	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.