

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING**Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20**

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING**1 Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**John 14:23****Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, MORUYA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A | 10 MAY 2026

WE ARE NOT ORPHANS: LIVING IN THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

Our Gospel this Sunday draws us into the heart of discipleship and the tenderness of Christ's love. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Love, in the Christian life, is not simply a feeling—it is something lived, embodied, and made visible in the way we act and choose each day.

In this passage, Jesus speaks of His imminent departure: "In a short time the world will no longer see me" (14:19). In the Gospel, He prepares His disciples for His death; yet, as we hear this before the Ascension, we also recognise its wider meaning. In either case, Jesus is going, and the disciples feel the weight of that loss. He expresses their fear through the image of being "orphans." In the ancient world, to be an orphan was to be vulnerable—marked by insecurity, poverty, and isolation. It is a powerful way of describing what the disciples feel: without their Master, they seem exposed and alone.

And yet, the heart of the Gospel is this: they are not abandoned. "I will not leave you orphaned," Jesus says. Those who receive Him become "children of God" (John 1:12). God is not distant—He is Father. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father" (14:21). The relationship remains; the belonging endures. More than that, Jesus promises the Advocate, the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Truth—who will be with them and in them. Through the Spirit, Christ remains close, active, and alive within His people.

This speaks directly to us as a parish. As we look ahead to our upcoming Parish Assembly, we may feel hope, uncertainty, or even vulnerability. Yet we are not left to discern alone. The same Holy Spirit is given to us—to guide and lead us forward. I encourage you to begin praying now for our Parish Assembly. Ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts, deepen our listening, and help us recognise His voice. Let us approach this not simply as a meeting, but as a moment of grace.

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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'Learning for Life'

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MORUYA

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**WEEKLY LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**

Mon 11th — Mon 6th Wk Easter

Tues 12th — St. Nereus,
St. Achilleus & St. Pancras

Wed 13th — Our Lady of Fatima

Thurs 14th—St. Matthias (Apostle)

Fri 15th — Fri Before Ascension

Sat 16th — Sat before Ascension

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please advise the Parish Office if you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope program for the next financial year.

Alternatively, if you would like to move away from this form of giving to a Direct Debit arrangement, please advise the office by emailing moruya@cg.org.au.



First Eucharist Program

Please keep in your prayers the children preparing for their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. May they grow in love for Christ and His Church.

I encourage our parish community to warmly welcome and support them and their families—a simple smile or kind word can make a lasting difference.

May the Lord draw them ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as they prepare to receive Him.

Clergy Retreat

Next week, Fr Josh will be attending the Clergy Retreat in Galong. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses. Please keep Fr Josh and the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers next week.



Moruya Parish Assembly

Our parish will hold a Parish Assembly on **Saturday 23 May**.

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

Please keep an eye out for further details.



Fatima Prayer

With the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, don't forget this beautiful prayer given by Our Blessed Mother to the Children in Fatima:

***"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven,
especially those in most need of your mercy.
Amen."***



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

Geoffrey Edwards, David Burton, Adele White, Lawrence Buckle, Monique Driver, Mervyn Honan, Clare Broekhuysse, Mary Bolton, John Collins, Greg Thornton, Marlene Moore.

FOR OUR SICK

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

Also pray for Gary Gaal, 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

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Readers			Ministers of Holy Communion		Counters	
Mass	9th/10 May	16th/17th May	9th/10th May	16th/17th May	11 May	18 May
SAT 5pm	P. Pollock D. Moore	D. McCann C. Palise	F. Levi	T. Cahill	T. Monaghan R. Parnell	D. Fee T. Cahill
SUN 10am	B. Gillett R. Patyus	P. Pollock J. Gillett	J. Gillett	J. Morris		

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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