



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

11th September 2018

Dear Friends,

I write to advise you of the following parish appointments

❖ APPOINTMENT	PARISH	COMMENCING
<u>Parish Priest</u>		
Fr Dominic Byrne	West Wyalong & Lake Cargelligo	1 January 2019
Fr Emil Milat	Canberra Central	1 January 2019
<u>Assistant Priest</u>		
Fr Adrian Chan	South Woden	7 December 2018
Fr Namora Anderson	Tumut & Gundagai	21 September 2018

❖ VACANT PARISH

Moruya Parish

I have accepted the advice of the College of Consultors to return a priest to the parish of Moruya. The parish will become vacant from 1 January 2019. Clergy wishing to be considered for this parish are kindly asked to notify the Archbishop or Vicar General, Fr Tony Percy in writing by Friday, 5 October 2018. Please see parish profile.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA - Parish Profile

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Location: Sacred Heart Parish is within the Eurobodalla Shire Council which has its offices in Moruya. Situated on the river, Moruya is on the Princes Highway, 304 kms from Sydney, and 175 kms from Canberra. There are daily bus services to Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. Moruya Airport is a short driving distance from the Church, which is in the town centre, just off the main street. The other major population areas within the parish are Tuross Heads, Broulee, Mossy Point, Bingi, Bodalla & Potato Point.

Population: 10599 of which 22.65% purport to be Catholic.

Churches: Sacred Heart Moruya (SHC), St Edmunds Catholic Church Bodalla, "The Pines" Retreat Centre Tuross (owned by Christian Brothers).

Sunday Masses: Saturday vigil is 6pm SHC. Sunday 8am at "The Pines" Tuross, and 10am at SHC. Mass is celebrated at Bodalla on the 5th Sunday of the month at 2.00pm with exposition.

Weekday Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15am. Tuesday Mass at 5.30pm. (Second Thursday of the month Mass is celebrated at 9.30am at Bodalla, and Anointing of the Sick on the First Friday at 9:15am Moruya, First Saturday of the month there is a 9:15am morning Mass at Moruya).

School Masses: School children attend Masses every Friday during school term.

Aged Care Facility Masses: IRT Moruya First Thursday of the month at 10.30am; Banksia Village Broulee Third Friday of the month at 10.30am

Reconciliation: Saturday between 9.30am and 11am.

Devotions: Exposition every Wednesday from after morning Mass concluding at 4 pm after "Holy Hour" which includes the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. The Cenacle/Rosary is on every Saturday at 9.30am. Daily Rosary from Monday to Friday after Mass. Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass. Family adoration every Friday 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Family Rosary at Tuross Head every Wednesday 3.00pm

Parish Committees: St. Mary's Primary Community Council, Carroll College Community Council, Parish Pastoral Council (currently undergoing renewal), Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee, Social Committee.

Meetings: Parish Council every third Thursday of the month 6.30pm. Parish Finance Committee third Thursday once in every three months 5.00pm.

Sacraments: Baptism any Sunday of the month. Preparation last Tuesday of the month 6.30pm

First Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation celebrated within the School Year.

Parish Office & Staff: The Parish Office is open 9.00-3.30pm and staffed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday by the Parish Secretary. A cleaner cleans the Presbytery and the Church on Friday.

Parish Newsletter: Weekly bulletin available on the website.

Caring Group Newsletter: available in the foyer.

St Marys School Newsletter: Weekly

EDUCATION

Catholic Schools: St Mary's Parish Primary School (Moruya) and Carroll College (Broulee)

Other Schools: Moruya Primary and Moruya High School; Broulee Primary; Bodalla Public School, St Peters Anglican College, Broulee

Tertiary: Illawarra Institute of Technology has a campus at Moruya. (TAFE)
University of Wollongong Access Centre.

Hospital: Moruya has a District Hospital to service the Eurobodalla Shire with accident, emergency facilities, Maternity and helicopter access for emergency relay to Canberra or Sydney.

Aged Care: Banksia Retirement Village in Broulee with independent and hostel accommodation.
IRT Moruya Retirement Village with independent and hostel Accommodation

Lay Organisations/Ministry: Moruya Caring Group, Tuross Caring Group, St. Vincent de Paul, Mother's Prayers Group, Men's Shed (use one side of the presbytery garage), Men Alive, Mary Mother of Peace Prayer Group, Couples For Christ, The Angelus Intercessory Prayer Group, Craft Group, Kid's Club, Parish Youth group in the making through CSYMA, RCIA adult education group, food bank for people in need, Children's Liturgy Group, Music Groups, Morning Tea, Lectors, Acolytes, Sacristans, Collectors, Altar Servers, Flower group and many more.

Finances: Average weekly contributions - First collection: \$800 Second Collection: \$1200
Accounts – Parish, Heritage (The heritage account was established to encourage bequests - Major parish support comes from bequests), School Building and Maintenance, Retreat Centre.

Other Property: Kennedy Meeting Room adjacent to presbytery garage that fits about 20 people recently refurbished. **A parishioner has bequested in her Will a property near Bodalla, Horse Island Road, to the Archdiocese.** Two parishioners are living in residence as caretakers for the owner. The parish invested funds in the project to facilitate this - these funds are being secured by a deed of title and the resident parishioners give the parish a donation each week. We use the property for prayer events occasionally.

The parish is the owner of a cemetery in Bodalla, it is a historical site and of little use to the parish, nor is it a drain on the parish, the title deeds are presumably with Archdiocese lawyers and it is maintained by the council - unsure of the arrangement made.

The 128-year-old Sacred Heart Church building has been undergoing renewal, with the replacement of the tile roof in 2016, downpipe 2017, Church lights, fans, central aisle carpet and the gas heating system in 2018.

Presbytery/office: Next to the Church in Queen Street the presbytery has four bedrooms and a main shared bathroom and toilet with a second bathroom/toilet downstairs. It was refurbished in 2002 and retouched in 2018. The offices are two rooms within the presbytery: Parish Priest and Parish Secretary with reverse cycle air-conditioning installed in 2018.

Current Parish Priest: Fr Martins Aloga (Administrator)

Compiled September 2018