

PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—YEAR A

8th January, 2016

Today we hear the story of the wise men who, guided by the light of a star, came to Bethlehem to honour the Christ child.

The story of the Magi has great relevance for us, because we too are on a journey—the journey of life. Though the Magi were guided by a star, they did not know where the star would lead them. Hence their journey was very much a journey of faith. Their journey can serve as a model for our journey of faith.

Having worshipped Christ, the Magi 'returned to their own country by another route'. This suggests not just a new geographical route, but a new mentality. Having heard the Gospel, we too should travel through life by a different route. It is impossible to encounter Christ without it affecting the way we live our lives.

"The Epiphany of the Lord"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation

	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community	Jenny Douglas	Sun
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France & Daphne Peterson	Mon Wed
3. Formation and Education	Jodie Vipan	Fri
4. Mission and Outreach.	Emily Palmer	Thurs
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat Tues

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: 7 / 8 January 2017

Saturday 7th– 6 pm

Liturgy—Cooranbong

Sunday 8th - 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 14 / 15 January 2017

Saturday 14th– 6 pm

Liturgy—Cooranbong

Sunday 15th - 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

No Liturgy of the Word

School Holidays

CONFESSIONS:

Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The PLT will be in recess until 2nd Feb 2017. In the meantime the phone will be manned.

We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, any that may be with us today.

WELCOME

To anyone who is a visitor to our Parish, and those new to St John Vianney's, you are most welcome. St John Vianney Church has an 'Audio Loop' for people with hearing aids with the 'T' setting.

If you would like more contact, Please complete a census form located at the back of the Church. Further information may also be obtained from the Parish Web site. www.vianneymorisset.org.au

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please complete a census form located at the back of the Church if your address, contact, email or family details have changed.

<u>ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS Wk 7 / 8</u>	<u>NEXT Wk 14 / 15</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	MORISSET:	Mass	Mass
	COORANBONG:	M McFarlane	D Joyce
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	L Jay R Jay	F Dunn K Lendon
	9.30	M Melvey P Melvey	J France U France
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	H White D Fitzgerald	D Peterson J France
	9.30	R Hay C Hay T Pontifex	B Nowak M Lowe H White
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	K Amon A Dussin	Ekezie Family
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	XXXX	S Dash S Ekezie
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	D Peterson	U France
	9.30	D Peterson	J Douglas
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	G Briggs M Gray	Scully Family
	9.30	J France L Fenton	XXXX
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	School Hols	School Hols
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	R Philpott	L Fenton G De Meyer
	COORANBONG:	J Scully R Scully	J Scully R Scully
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team B	Team C

<u>UPCOMING</u>	<u>FEAST</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
The Epiphany of the Lord—	8th January	
The Baptism of the Lord—	9th January	
The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle—	25th January	
The Presentation of the Lord—	2nd February	
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle—	22nd February	

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK

Jason Armstrong, Diane Guberinic, Baby Darcy Clarkson, Sharon Wood, Christine Crowe, Frances English, John Thomson, Terry Gillett, Rachael Dodds, Margaret Fren, Jacinta Gomez, Patricia Blair, Lisa Mirrabello, Lucy Mirrabello, Josie Marinucci, Khoo Soo Lye, Lori Van Denbos, Iris Savage, Cheryl Nesbitt, John Langham, Jenny Kovacs, Peter Bird, Jen Corben, Matthew Lewis, Tom Hunt, Tony Baker, Leonie Beetham, Trevor Beetham.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jack Casey, Patrick Martin.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothea Dunne, Lucia Gazzola, Connie Thomson, Brian Auchterlonie, Ivan Foo, Annie Elmiger, Eileen Johnson, Alf Hutchins, Gay Hoffman, Mary O'Connel, Mary DeBono, Eileen Dillon, Pat Webster, Pat Parker, Ray & Alf Moore

MONTHLY CUPPA

The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Liturgy on Sunday 5th February in the Callinan Centre. To be organised by Bonnells Bay Zone. All Welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

BAPTISMAL

The next Baptismal Program for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be held on Sunday 5th and Sunday 12th February, 2016 at 10.45am. Attendance at both sessions is needed.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 19th February at 9.30am. Practice will be held on Friday 17th February at 6pm in the Church. All Youth, Children and Families welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group get together will be on Sunday 19th February in the Callinan Centre from 5pm to 8pm. All young people 12yrs+ are invited to come along. Please bring along a plate to share and a gold coin donation. For more information please contact Emily Palmer on mob: 0413 448 196 or email: sjv.youth@mn.catholic.org.

AURORA

Will be in The Newcastle Herald, The Maitland Mercury, The Scone Advocate, The Singleton Argus and The Manning River Times on the following Wednesdays and in The Muswellbrook Chronicle the following Thursday:

1 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June, 5 July, 2 August, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December, and online at <http://mnnews.today/> Please mark your calendar!

BEGINNING EVENT

Will be held on Sunday 12th February, 2017.

AAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017

Worship Under the Southern Cross Conference dates: 17 to 20 January 2017 VENUE: Hunter V alley Hotel Academy Heddon Street & Mcleod Road Kurri Kurri NSW 2327

For those of us who live and move and have our being under the Southern Cross, at once our worship is distinctive. Speakers representing a range of cultural backgrounds will explore the intersection of liturgy and culture in Australia and the Pacific. CONTACT DETAILS: Doug Morrison-Cleary 0478-050-012 presbyter@hildormen.faith

FOCCUS MARRIAGE EDUCATION

Will be held on Monday 30 January. Three Monday evening sessions. P: (02) 4979 1370

BEFORE WE SAY I DO - MARRIAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Will be held on Saturday 04 February at 9:30 AM at Diocesan Offices, Newcastle. Two Saturday Sessions, P: (02) 4979 1370

2017 PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH

The Diocesan Launch of Project Compassion 2017 for parishes and schools will be held on Tuesday 28th February 10.30am—11.30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by refreshments. RSVP Brooke Robinson P 49791111 or caritas@mn.catholic.org.au

MISSION 2017: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE

Will be held on Monday 15 May. Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, Sydney. Info & registration mohmv.com.au/2017conference/

ACYF SYDNEY 2017

The 3rd Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney from 7-9 December 2017. Expressions of Interest are now open for young people in year 9 (2017) to 25 years who would like to be a part of the Maitland-Newcastle contingent. Those over the age of 25 are encouraged to register as group leaders. Register your interest now at www.mn.catholic.org.au/acyf. For more information, contact us at youth.festival@mn.catholic.org.au or www.facebook.com/mncatholicyouth.

THE GATHERING OF OUR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Will be on Sunday February 12 at 2:30 PM in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall, Hyndes St, West Wallsend For catering purposes RSVP Denyse Potts 0419 464 979

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE (SPIRITUALITY & FAITH)

Commences on Thursday 27th April Sessions will be from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, and will be held at Resource Centre, 137 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow.

Face-to-face learning to explore one's life journey and faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one year course is an introduction to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

Comprises 8 units of 4 weekly sessions per unit, run over 4 school terms. Please see flyer in the noticeboard for further information.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY: INTEGRITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH (SPIRITUALITY & FAITH)

Will commence on Saturday 6th May, sessions will be 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM at the Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

Formation process developed as part of the Church's duty of care for those who work and volunteer in its name. 8 units over four Saturdays. Please flyer in the noticeboard for further information.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA

Invite Catholics across the country to join in celebrating a Year of Youth from the beginning of Advent 2017 to the end of 2018. The theme is, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment'. The emphasis is on local discussion and dialogue in parishes, schools, youth groups and dioceses. Information is available at, www.youth.catholic.org.au

THE JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION

Was established in 2010 to continue the outreach work of the Missionary Sisters of Service. It supports socially and geographically isolated communities by awarding grants in the region of \$500 to \$3,000. This year the focus is on disadvantaged rural, regional and remote areas of Australia. Applications that assist people and communities to address disadvantage and inequality are welcomed. Projects need to demonstrate that they are addressing the relief of social and economic distress, and entrenched geographical disadvantage, through locally led action. Grant guidelines and 2017 application form are available at www.johnwallisfoundation.org.au or P (03) 9873 5520.

DIOCESE RELEASES YEAR IN REVIEW 2016

On Tuesday 20/12/2016 Bishop Bill Wright launched the 2016 Year in Review document.

The Year in Review is designed to capture the key milestones and events of the year across parishes, chancery ministries, congregations, and agencies including Catholic schools, CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning, St Nicholas Early Education and the Catholic Development Fund.

You can read about the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the diocese, Fr Richard Shortall's time as our Missionary of Mercy during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day, the Royal Commission and many other stories that capture the way the people of our diocesan community serve, worship and mission to others.

The Year in Review includes reports from Bishop Bill, Vicar General, Fr Brian Mascord; Chancellor and Canonical Advisor, Fr Matthew Muller; Vice Chancellor Pastoral Ministries, Teresa Brierley; Vice Chancellor Administration, Sean Scanlon; Director of Schools, Ray Collins and Director of CatholicCare Social Services, Helga Smit.

The stories and images included in the document are divided between the five foundations of the diocese – Identity and Community, Worship and Prayer, Formation and Education, Mission and Outreach and Leadership and Structure and are just a sample of the many ways the people of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle live their faith every day.

You are encouraged to read the Year in Review online via the diocesan news website www.mnnews.today.

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FIRST READING

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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