

PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR A 12th February, 2017

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behavior. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

When all is said and done it is the heart that matters. The heart is what I am deep down. It is the real me.

For all their piety, the Pharisees were both cold hearted, and hard hearted. If one's heart is cold, how can one be virtuous?

What we have to strive for is goodness of heart. Then our good deeds will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruit from a good tree.

"Beginning Event"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation

1. Identity and Community
2. Worship and Prayer.

3. Formation and Education
4. Mission and Outreach.
5. Leadership and Structure.

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: 11 / 12 February 2017

Saturday 11th– 6 pm
Liturgy—Cooranbong
Sunday 12th - 9.30 am
Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 18 / 19 February 2017

Saturday 18th– 6 pm
Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday 19th - 9.30 am
Mass— Morisset

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

Tuesday 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word

CONFESSIONS:

Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Members of the PLT attended Lay Pastoral Meeting at the Diocesan Offices.
- Members of the PLT are completing a Clinical Pastoral Education Course

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 11 / 12</u>	<u>NEXT Wk 18 / 19</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	MORISSET:	Mass	Mass
	COORANBONG:	M McFarlane	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	M Shamley J Jackson	K Lendon G Briggs
	9.30	TBA	Youth
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	K Lendon D Fitzgerald	P Dunstan D Peterson J France
	9.30	J Douglas J Hutchins T Pontifex M McKew	S Selmes R Hay M Gray
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	TBA	Youth
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	M McFarlane
	9.30	D Palmer J Vipian	S Ekezie S Dash
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	D Peterson	U France
	9.30	T Alexander	J Douglas
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	K Dunn	K Dunn
	9.30	TBA	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	XXXX	XXXX
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	C Aspinall T Pontifex	R Philpott
	COORANBONG:	F Dunn A Dussin	C Vangsnes T Vangsnes
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team B	Team C

<u>UPCOMING</u>	<u>FEAST</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle—		22nd February
Saint Patrick, Bishop—		17th March
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary—		20th March
The Annunciation of the Lord—		25th March

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK

Sister Annette Johnston (Joan) R.S.M., 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, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry Saul, Maurie Saunders, Marie Walker, Ray Marsh, Lisa Crook, Marjorie Scott, Shirley Hand, Joe McGovern, Edward Owens, Edna Blisset, Robert Frazer, Leonie Sylvester, Agnes Hutchins, Roy Thomson, Joan Fraser, Mick Lonergan, and Maria Feenan.

MONTHLY CUPPA

The next “Monthly Cuppa” will be held after 9.30am Liturgy on Sunday 5th March in the Callinan Centre. To be organised by Dora Creek Zone. All Welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

BAPTISMAL

The next Baptismal Program for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be held on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9th April, 2017 at 10.45am. Attendance at both sessions is needed.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday 30th May, 2017 at 7pm in the Morisset Church, and conferred by Bishop Bill. Preparation sessions commence on the week beginning Sunday 30th April, 2017.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 19th February at 9.30am. We will be trialing a new day for practice due to availabilities which will now be held on Wednesday 15th February at 6pm in the Church. All Youth, Children and Families welcome to participate.

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.

BEGINNING EVENT

The parish and school Beginning Event will be held this Sunday 12th February, 2017. Mass will now be held in the Church and Callinan Centre due to the expected hot weather followed by a barbecue / morning tea.

S.J.V. 100 CLUB LOTTERY

The Fundraising Committee has decided to conduct a 100 Club Lottery to fund several Parish maintenance projects including projects including " new front notice sign, security screens and rear path for Morisset Church, painting and carpet for Cooranbong Church" Selling tickets will commence on the 19th February, with the first draw anticipated to be held in March or April 2017. For more information please see Juliet Hutchins or Jenny Douglas

SJV 100 CLUB -COST AND PRIZES

Each ticket entry costs \$120 (i.e. \$10 per month for 12 months.)
Payment up front is the preferred method but it can be made in instalments.
One draw each month, alternating between Cooranbong and Morisset.
First Prize – \$210 Second Prize – \$165. Prizes are paid by cheque.
Please refer to " Rules " accompanying the application form.
Thanks Juliet.

CORRECTION TO EASTER CEREMONIES

The Easter Vigil Mass will be held at Morisset on 15th April at 7pm, not at Cooranbong as mentioned in the Evangelising Letter that accompanied last week's bulletin.

FREE ORGAN TO GOOD HOME

The parish has an organ that is in working order and it no longer uses. It would be nice if a new home could be found for it, otherwise it will be placed out for the council clean up scheduled for the end of February. If you are interested please speak to a member of the PLT or contact the parish office.

CALLED TO SERVE MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 14th February between 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held on Friday 3rd March at The Salvation Army Bonnells Bay 158 Station Street Bonnells Bay at 10.30am. With Speaker Major Tim Gittins. The country of Focus is The Philippines.

CARITAS DINNER - RICHARD CAMPBELL

Will be held on Friday 3rd March in the Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. Uncle Richard Campbell, a talented Aboriginal painter will be the guest speaker for this years dinner. Arrival is at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Cost is \$35 per person RSVP to Brooke Robinson 4979 1111 or caritas@mn.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Will be held from Sunday 05th March to Saturday 11th March.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2017

Will be celebrated on Sunday 12th March with a Mass at 9:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Mass we will be followed by the presentation of the Magdalene Award 2017, and morning tea in the Toohy Room. RSVP to Brooke Robinson 4979 1111 by 3 March

ACTIV8 CHISHOLM YOUTH - ST PATRICK'S DAY TRIVIA NIGHT

will be held on Friday 17 March at 7:00 PM at Therry Centre, East Maitland. Contact Bec: 0422 500 429.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN)

is an Easter Youth Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with a thousand other young people and celebrate the Easter Triduum with us over 13-16 April 2017! Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.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 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

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FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

"For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

"You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

"You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

"It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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