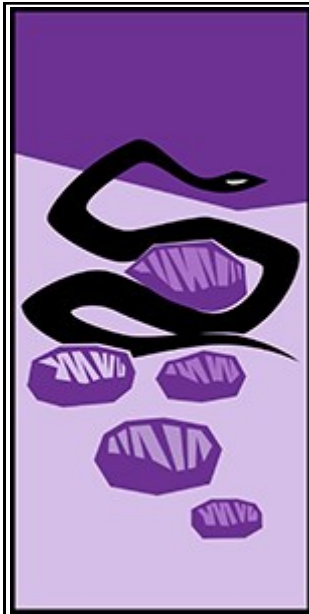


PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR A 5th March, 2017

Last Wednesday we embarked on a journey, the journey of Lent, which is a journey towards Easter.

Lent provides us with a window of opportunity to look at ourselves to see how we can become better followers of Christ.

Every day we are faced with choices, to do good or to do evil, to choose for, or against God. It's clear that we often have in us a strain of rebelliousness, of self-centeredness, of short-sightedness, which causes us to make the wrong choices, and leads to self destructive behavior.

May the grace of this coming Lenten season in 2017, allow us to see the invitation to new life in the large and the small decisions of our days.

"Monthly Cuppa"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: 4 / 5 March 2017

Saturday 4th– 6 pm
Liturgy—Cooranbong
Sunday 5th - 9.30 am
Liturgy— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 11/ 12 March 2017

Saturday 11th– 6 pm
Liturgy—Cooranbong
Sunday 12th - 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
Friday 9.30am
Catholic Schools Week
Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Project Compassion has started boxes can be collected from the back of the Church.
- Lenten Groups start this week please see page 2 for further details.

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 4 / 5</u>	<u>NEXT Wk 11 / 12</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	MORISSET:	D Joyce	Mass
	COORANBONG:	D Peterson	H White
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	P Melvey M Melvey	G Briggs K Lendon
	9.30	C Hay R Hay	B Nowak H White
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	U France H White	D Peterson D Fitzgerald
	9.30	J France B Nowak	T Pontifex M Gray J Hutchins
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	XXXX	G Selmes S Selmes
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	XXXX	S Ekezie J Vipan
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	U & J France	F Dunn
	9.30	T Alexander	J Douglas
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	K Dunn	M Gray
	9.30	A Dussin J Ekezie	J Faint L Fenton
<u>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	G Selmes S Selmes	K McKenna A Dussin
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	C Vangsnes T Vangsnes	C Aspinall H White B Nowak
	COORANBONG:	R Scully J Scully	K Lendon
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team A	Team B

<u>UPCOMING</u>	<u>FEAST</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
Saint Patrick, Bishop—		17th March
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary—		20th March
The Annunciation of the Lord—		25th March
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—		9th April
Holy Thursday—		13th April
Good Friday—		14th April
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—		15th April
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—		16th April

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, Iris Savage, Cheryl Nesbitt, John Langham, Jenny Kovacs, Peter Bird, Jen Corben, Matthew Lewis, Tom Hunt, Tony Baker, Leonie Beetham, Trevor Beetham.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter McGovern , Eunice O'Donnell, Evelyn Blisseden, Robyn Mooney, Agnes McHardy, Edna Pitta, Ross Richmond, Bill Griffins, Doris Lamont, Vera Booth, Neville Thomson, Tom Sommers, Terrence Chapman, Les Elkins, Marj Quinn, Terry & Phyllis O’Neal, Artemio Guerrieri, Teresa & Peter Flex, Esterina Flex, Francesco & Agnese Lappa, Nina & Frank Mure, John Gibson, Aurturo Marinucci, Rosa & Nichola Falcioni.

MONTHLY CUPPA

The next “Monthly Cuppa” will be held after 9.30am Liturgy this 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 celebrated on Tuesday 30th May, 2017 at 7pm in the Morisset Church, and conferred by Bishop Bill. A parent’s information night will be held on Wednesday 5th April, 2017 at 7pm in the Callinan Centre.



Preparation sessions commence the week beginning Sunday 30th April, 2017.

FIRST COMMUNION


First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 17th September, 2017 at 9.30am Mass in Morisset Church. Preparation sessions commence the week beginning Sunday 13th August, 2017.

2017 LENTEN GROUPS

The Monday Lenten Group will begin on Monday 6th March, 2017 at 10am in the Callinan Centre. All are welcome. The Tuesday Lenten Group will begin Tuesday morning 7th March, 11-12.30pm in the Callinan Centre. All are welcome.





Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dina struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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.

CELEBRATION OF SISTERS IN CHRISTIANITY DINNER

Will be held on Tuesday 07 March at 6:30 PM at Murray Room, Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. RSVP by 3 March brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au P 49791111

THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE - 2017 AUSTRALIA TOUR MORNING

Will be held on Tuesday 14 March at 7.30 AM at Merewether Surf House, 5 Henderson Pde, Merewether. Former Aussie teacher Gemma Sisia opened the gates to the School of St Jude in Tanzania 15 years ago and now it provides a free, high-quality education to 1,800 promising yet impoverished students. \$35pp, hot breakfast. P Mark Scanlon 0447 597 930

THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE - 2017 AUSTRALIA TOUR EVENING

Will be held on Tuesday 14 March at 7:00 PM at Toronto Workers Club. Former Aussie teacher Gemma Sisia opened the gates to the School of St Jude in Tanzania 15 years ago and now, thanks to the support of thousands of Australians, it provides a free, high-quality education to 1,800 promising yet impoverished students. P Monica Scanlon 0447 597 930.

TIME TO DRAW THE LINE

Movie event will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 6.30 PM at Event Cinemas, Newcastle. A contemporary David and Goliath story between Australia and our neighbour, Timor Leste.
 TICKETS: \$20 + booking fee \$1.65 / ticket. Concession \$15.
 TO RESERVE: Go to <https://tickets.demand.film/event/1538> before March 6.

THE DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE

At Somersby is a ministry of the Vincentian Missionaries. Throughout 2017, retreats focused on young people, families, healing, liturgical feasts and divine mercy are offered. To see the schedule or to learn more, please P 4372 1598, Edrcsydney@gmail.com or www.divineretreatcentre.org.au


ECUMENICAL TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE

Will be held on Sunday 09 April at 7.00 PM at Merewether Uniting Church, 178 Glebe Rd, Merewether. P Jennifer Burns 0411 133 679 or minister.merewetheruca@gmail.com

MUMS' COTTAGE

Walks in companionship with mothers and offers mentoring, courses and friendship to women in need. One of the mothers the Cottage helps needs a fridge. If you have a working second hand full size fridge that you no longer need, or know someone who might, please call Mums' Cottage on 4953 4105.

THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME [LAP]



Last weekend there was a 'Call for Volunteers' from the worshipping community of Morisset to assist with a programme known as LAP. Thanks for welcoming Billie, Jenny and I as we spoke about LAP at both churches. Many expression of interest forms were handed out so I'm hopeful of a generous response from Morisset parishioners again!
 If you missed the Appeal last weekend, would you consider helping students on a one-to-one basis during Terms Two and Term Three at St John Vianney School this year? Additional EOI forms are available from the School during office hours.
 You may wish to talk with a staff member known to you at the School or you could ring on 4959 1355 to speak with Margaret McLeod rsm, LAP Co-ordinator, for more information. Alternatively, drop one of the completed forms off at School this coming week and Margaret will contact you back.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MASS

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

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group get together will be on Sunday 19th March 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES.

"It would greatly assist the counting teams if the amount " enclosed in the envelope was printed on the envelope where indicated. If privacy is an issue, please place your envelope face down on the plate."

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Will be held from Sunday 05th March to Saturday 11th March. There will be a School Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Friday 10th March at 9.30am in Morisset Church. Followed by Open Classrooms.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he

does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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