



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR B**  
**31ST DECEMBER 2017**

***On the first Sunday after Christmas, we have been called to put aside the Christmas frivolity and reflect on The Holy Family. We have come here today to gather into a wider family, the family of the Christian community.***

***We are not told much about the Holy family in the Gospels. All we get are some glimpses. But these glimpses are more than enough for us to see, that the Holy Family had more than its share of troubles.***

***Our families also are visited by sorrow, misunderstandings, and problems of one kind or another. When human beings are living under the one roof, misunderstandings often occur. What is important is how we deal with these problems, and how we resolve these misunderstandings.***

***So today we pray that we may praise rather than criticise, sympathise rather than condemn and give rather than receive, so that our homes may become places where love and peace reign.***



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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: 30 / 31 December***

Saturday 30th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 31st - 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

***NEXT WEEKEND: 6 / 7 January***

Saturday 6th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 7th - 9.30 am

Liturgy— Morisset

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

**MORISSET:**

School Holidays—No Liturgy of the Word

**CONFESSIONS:**

Before Mass or on request

**PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- The painting of Cooranbong Church has been completed thank you for the support of 100 club and parishioners for raising the funds to get this much needed work completed.
- PLT meetings will be in recess until the end of January.
- The Parish Office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 22nd December until 15th January the office phone will still be answered during this period.

**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](http://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.**

<b><u>ROSTERS</u></b>			
		<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>
<b><u>Presiders</u></b>	<b>MORISSET:</b>	Mass	J France
	<b>VIGIL</b>	U France	M McFarlane
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	D Peterson H White	L Jay R Jay
	<b>9.30</b>	M Melvey P Melvey	B Nowak D Peterson
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	K Lendon T Pontifex	H White F Dunn
	<b>9.30</b>	H White B Nowak J Douglas	H White J Vipian
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	<b>9.30</b>	K Amon A Dussin	XXXX
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	XXXX	XXXX
	<b>9.30</b>	M McFarlane	XXXX
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	F Dunn	D Peterson
	<b>9.30</b>	D Peterson	T Alexander
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	<b>VIGIL</b>	M Foo	M Gray
	<b>9.30</b>	A Dussin	Melveys
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u></b>	<b>9.30</b>	School Holidays	School Holidays
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	<b>MORISSET:</b>	R Philpott	Melveys
	<b>COORAN-BONG:</b>	F Dunn	C Vangnes T Vangnes
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team A	Team A

<b><u>UPCOMING</u></b>	<b><u>FEAST</u></b>	<b><u>DAYS</u></b>
	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—	31st December
	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord—	1st January
	The Epiphany of the Lord—	7th January
	The Baptism of the Lord—	8th January
	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle—	25th January
	The Presentation of the Lord—	2nd February

**Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:**

Jeanette Melvey, Bruce Gillett, Peg Scully, Elayne Jay, Bill Vogels, Jim Hollier, Frances Bristow, Denise and John Hooker, Mary McTaggart, Nora Dillon, Margo Von Sanden, Louisa Fordyce, Laura Mirabello, Chris Crowe, Jayson Armstrong,

**Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.**



**Recently Deceased:**

Judy Taylor (Wife of Des), Donald Treharne (Father of Donna Chegwidden), Anetta Fish (Nita Clarke),

**Remembrance:**

Arturo Marinucci, Innes, Lappa, Nannina Lappa, Filomena Lappa.

**MONTHLY CUPPA**

The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Liturgy on Sunday 4th February 2018 in the Callinan Centre. A Dussin, T Hoffman, J McCarthy, J Lawandos, and R Gosden to organise. All Welcome. Please note there is no "Monthly Cuppa" in January.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

**BAPTISMAL**

The next Baptismal Program for parents wishing to have their children baptised will be held on Sunday 4th and Sunday 11th February 2018 at 10.45am. Attendance at both sessions is needed.

**CONFIRMATION**

Will be celebrated on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Morisset Church. An information night will be held for parents who have children who have completed their First Reconciliation and wish to receive Confirmation, on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 7pm in the Callinan Centre. Preparation sessions will commence in the week beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018, session days, times, and groups will be set at the Parent's information night.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Will be celebrated on Sunday 16th September 2018 at 9.30am in the Morisset Church. Preparations sessions for children who have completed their First Reconciliation, and Confirmation will commence in the Week beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

For further information on our programs please contact the Parish Office Mon-Fri between 9am and 2pm on 02 4973 6859.

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests and Prayer Requests to the Parish Office by 5pm Wednesdays.

### **CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, with all the events over the Advent / Christmas period. A special thank you to the 'Christmas Planning Team', for the well-planned, Christmas Eve Mass at the Morisset Showground.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Fr Greg Arnold who is celebrating the 9.30am Mass for us this Sunday to allow Fr Geoff and Fr Reg to spend some time with their families.

### **STARTING OVER—2018**

The New Year is an entirely arbitrary device. Our Church year, after all begins with Advent. But the New Year misses all these dates. Arbitrary or not though, 2018 offers us that chance to start anew, start over.

We can never undo the 2017 experiences, but we can start over. We can set the year behind us. We can get ideas clear and build our lives properly, the way we believe they should be.

That's why we make New Year's resolutions.

### **YOUTH MASS**

The next Youth Mass will held on Sunday 18th March at 9.30am. Practice will be held on Friday 16th March at 6pm in Morisset Church. For more information please call Emily Palmer on 0413 448 196. All Youth, Children and Families are welcome to participate.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The next Youth Group get together will be held on Sunday 18th February in the Callinan Centre from 5pm to 8pm. All young people 12yrs+ are invited to come along. Please bring along a plate of food 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.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Students return on 30th January 2018.

Beginning Event will be held on 18th February 2018.

### **YOU ARE INVITED ON A COACH TRIP TO THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP ELECT BRIAN MASCORD**

Which will be held at 7.00pm, Thursday 22nd February 2018, at WIN Entertainment Centre (Corner Crown and Harbour Streets, Wollongong)

Principal Consecrator: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Co-Consecrators: Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop William Wright

Travel by Coach leaving Hamilton on Thursday 22nd February at 11.00 am, arrive Wollongong at 3.30pm; return by Coach leaving Wollongong on Friday 23rd February at 9.00am, arrive Hamilton 1.30pm

Accommodation and Breakfast at Sage Hotel – a short walk from the Entertainment Centre. Single - \$270, Twin Share - \$170 each person, Couples - \$170 each person

Travel and accommodation needs to be secured. Please contact Teresa Brierley, after 2nd January, to indicate your interest by Monday 22nd January 2018 by phone 4979 1157 or email Teresa.brierley@mn.catholic.org.au

### **ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS**

Will be held on Friday 09 February at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.

### **CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2018**

The Diocesan launch for Caritas Project Compassion 2018 will be held on Tuesday 13 February 2018, at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 10.30am.

### **CALLED TO SERVE MASS**

Will be held on Tuesday 13 February at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### **THE PARADOX AND PROMISE OF LATER LIFE: FINDING MEANING IN THE JOURNEY**

Will be held on Tuesday 20 February at 9:00 AM at Calvary Mater Hospital, Cnr Edith & Platt Sts, Waratah. A full day seminar with Rev Prof. Elizabeth MacKinlay, mainly for health care professionals and pastoral care providers, to engage participants in both their own ageing and in the way they engage with those they care for. Cost: \$60 pp for care professionals. Lunch provided. Book with April MacNeill P 02 4921 1211 E April.MacNeill@calvarymater.org.au

### **CONFIRMATION WORK SPACE**

Will be held on Saturday 24 February at 9.30am. Sacramental teams are invited to set up camp to work on their confirmation liturgies, with support from Louise Gannon rsj, members of the Liturgy Council and each other. P Sharon 4979 1134.

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE**

Christian Formation Course is for those wanting to explore their faith within the Catholic tradition or develop their confidence for ministry. Scheduled to run from Feb 2018 at Newcastle West. Speaking of God session 1 will be held on Thursday 1st February 2018 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, in the Toohey Room, 841 Hunter St Newcastle.

Speaking of God session 2 Will be held on Thursday 8th February 2018 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Toohey Room, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. To express your interest of for further information contact the diocesan Adult Faith Formation office on P 4979 1134 from 15/01/18.

### **TRIDUUM TAKE 2 WORKSHOP**

Will be held on Saturday 10 February at 9.30am at Toohey Room, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. This follows the Triduum workshops in 2015 and 2016, and is a response to parish enquiries about the Easter Vigil. P Sharon 4979 1134.

### **TWEC DINNER**

The Annual TWEC Dinner will be held on Monday 21 May 2018 at the Therry Centre, East Maitland.

Watch this space!

### **VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH**

There will be volunteer opportunities available in 2018!  
Watch this space.

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## FIRST READING

**Sir 3:2-6. 12-14**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.  
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.  
My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.  
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1**

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**Col 3:12-21**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Col 3:15. 16**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Lk 2:22-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master,  
you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member or friend who may be sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered. Please complete the cards at the back of the church and their names will be placed in the bulletin. Please note all prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person along with their contact details.

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