



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B**  
**7TH JANUARY 2018**

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

*There is little to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from, and exactly what the star was. Most scholars agree that the theological significance of the star far outweighs any scientific explanation. For their willingness to stand with Jesus, the magi are venerated as the first among the gentiles to believe.*

*The Magi can serve as models for us on our faith journey. They were single minded and refused to be put off by difficulties and hardships. Their journey was neither simple nor easy. They encountered difficulties doubts and dangers. Yet in spite of this they persevered in their quest and found Christ.*



*In what ways do we serve as a sign, that leads others to God?*

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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: 6 / 7 January***

Saturday 6th- 6pm  
Liturgy— Cooranbong  
Sunday 7th - 9.30 am  
Liturgy— Morisset

***NEXT WEEKEND: 13 / 14 January***

Saturday 13th- 6pm  
Liturgy— Cooranbong  
Sunday 14th - 9.30 am  
Mass— 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>	MORISSET:	J France	Mass
	VIGIL	M McFarlane	H White
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	L Jay R Jay	F Dunn K Lendon
	9.30	B Nowak D Peterson	K Amon J Vipian
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	H White F Dunn	J France D Fitzgerald
	9.30	H White J Vipian	R Hay C Hay
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	9.30	XXXX	Ekezie Family
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	XXXX	J Vipian S Ekezie
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	D Peterson	U France
	9.30	T Alexander	J Douglas
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray	K Lendon
	9.30	Melveys	XXXX
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	School Holidays	School Holidays
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	MORISSET:	Melveys	L Fenton G De Meyer
	COORAN-BONG:	C Vangnes T Vangnes	K Lendon
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team A	Team B

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**

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  
 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle— 22nd February

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

Jeanette Melvey, Bruce Gillett, 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:**

Rebecca Hampson, Peg Scully (Mother of Jim ), Tony Faint (Husband of Jill).



**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass will be held at 9.30am in the Morisset Church on Wednesday 14th February.

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

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

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to St John Vianney Parish, anyone visiting the Lake Macquarie Region during the Summer School Holidays.

Since the mid-1800s there has been a Catholic Presence in our area. St John Vianney's Parish Morisset was officially formed in 1947.

Before 1947 Morisset, belonged to the parishes of Kincumber, Gosford and Wyong. The Mass center of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong dates back to the 1860's. The Cooranbong Church celebrated its centenary in August 2006.

It is documented that Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), visited Cooranbong on at least one occasion where she had a convent and school.

Up until 1966 St John Vianney Parish was part of the Diocese of Sydney, but now belongs to the Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle, with Bishop William Wright as Bishop.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Teresa.brierley@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

On the first Friday in March each year, people in over 170 countries, join in a service prepared by of a different country, to celebrate both unity in Christ and our diversity in culture. St John Vianney will be the host of the local World Day of Prayer for 2018 on Friday 2nd March.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH**

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

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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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### 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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