



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 18 FEB 2018

Today we begin our forty days in the Get Spiritually Fit Club. Accepting ashes on Wednesday meant signing on for the penitential program. Ashes are a grim reminder that physical life is mortal.

Lent touches something in all of us. The sight of Jesus fasting and praying in the desert, encourages us to look at our own lives. It challenges us to improve ourselves. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones.

Lent is a time to get rid of the rubbish in our lives and grow in recognition of God's loving presence. It is a time for us to wake up!

What do we have to do? In a nutshell: be kind; act justly and walk humbly with God. May the Lord help us, so that he may clothe us in newness of life.



"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: 17 / 18 February

Saturday 17th- 6pm

Mass— Cooranbong

Sunday 18th- 9.30 am

"Beginning Event Mass"— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 24 / 25 February

Saturday 24th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 25th- 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

- The parish will have representatives attending the Ordination of Bishop Elect Brian Mascord on Thursday 22nd Feb in Wollongong.
- The parish had representatives attend the Project Compassion launch on Tuesday held at the Cathedral.
- Our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March at 10am.

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 WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	MORISSET:	Mass	Mass
	VIGIL	Mass	U France
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	K Lendon G Briggs	F Dunn M Foo
	9.30	TBA	H White B Nowak
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	P Dunstan J France D Fitzgerald	H White D Peterson
	9.30	J Douglas J Hutchins M Gray SJV Staff	K Lendon J Vipan M McFarlane
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	White Family	B & R Baldock
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	M McFarlane	XXXX
	9.30	S Ekezie G Dash	S Dash G Ekezie
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	U France	F Dunn & J France
	9.30	D Peterson	J Douglas
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	K Dunn	Melveys
	9.30	Youth and SJV Students	M Gray
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	XXXX	K Amon K Smith
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	Ekezie Family	B Wright B Wright
	COORAN-BONG:	C Vangsnes T Vangsnes	A Dussin
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team C	Team D

<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—		19th March
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—		25th March
Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper—		29th March
Good Friday - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord—		30th March
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—		31st March
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—		1st April

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.



MONTHLY CUPPA
 The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Liturgy on Sunday 4th March 2018 in the Callinan Centre. Kath Hay, Rod Hay, John Savage, and Caroline Savage to organise. All Welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
BAPTISMAL
 Our Baptismal Program for parents wishing to have their children baptised is run over two sessions. Our next program details are: Session 1 on Sunday 8th and Session 2 on Sunday 15th April 2018 both at 10.45am.

CONFIRMATION
 Will be celebrated on Saturday 12th 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 11th 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 12th 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.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be 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 this 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.

SJV SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

"Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty." From ACBSJS Ten Steps.

YOU ARE INVITED 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)

Allocated Seating – for those who are travelling using their own vehicles and arranging their own accommodation.

You will need to obtain a 'pass' from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle so as to be allocated a seat and to sit with those who are going from our diocese. In order to receive a 'pass' please contact Brooke Robinson on brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 4979 1111.

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 at 10am in Morisset Church, followed by a light lunch in the Callinan Centre.

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

ECUMENICAL CONVERSATIONS DIALOGUE

Will be held on Tuesday 27 February at 6:00 PM at Jesmond Park Uniting Church, 15 Robert St Jesmond.

This is an opportunity to gather as an ecumenical community to explore what we can learn from each other about the Ministry of Lay People.

RSVP Brooke Robinson P 4979 1111.

LENTEN GROUPS

We will have 2 Lenten groups running this Lent and the first sessions start this week beginning 19th Feb 2018.

Mondays at 10am in the Callinan Centre.

Tuesdays at 1pm Venue to be confirmed.

If you are interested in joining our Lenten groups please contact the Parish Office or Daphne on P 0402 318 074.

SJV 100 CLUB DRAW

Will be held at Cooranbong this Saturday.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FAREWELL OF BISHOP-ELECT BRIAN MASCORD

Farewell for Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord will be held on Sunday 18 February at 4:30 PM at The Southern Cross Hall, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. RSVP required: www.bitly/mascordfarewell

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.

SISTERS OF FAITH DINNER

will be held on Tuesday 06 March at 6:00 PM at Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.

Our theme this year is Sisters of faith joining together in Peace. This is an opportunity for all women of faith to join together.

RSVP to Brooke Robinson by 1 March. E: brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or P: 4979 1111. A love offering towards the dinner will be appreciated.

ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL MEREWETHER EX-STUDENTS REUNION.

Intermediate Class 1961 & Intermediate Class 1963. Tuesday 20 February at 11.30am at The Beaches Hotel, 99 Frederick St, Merewether. Antoinette Gray E amtgray71@gmail.com

#RIGHT TRACK COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - CHANGING PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKERS

Will be held on Saturday 24 February at 9:00 AM at Jesmond Park Uniting Church, 15 Robert St Jesmond. justice@hunter.uca.org.au or 0437879442

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held 8-13 April 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au or P 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

We are looking for volunteers to become members of the catering area of the "Welcoming Team". If you are able to supply a plate of food for occasional functions please contact Kay Amon on 0409 736 050.

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FIRST READING

Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that

ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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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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