



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 4TH MARCH 2018

In the First Reading we hear that The Ten Commandments are a map of life for people that have a special relationship with God.

The commandments are not to be approached in a negative way, because this leads to doing the bare minimum. We must approach them in a positive way, and keep them in the right spirit.

We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us, we keep the commandments because God loves us.

Jesus brought a new and exciting law, the law of love. He said all God's laws could be reduced to two: love of God and love of neighbor.

In truth there is only one law : the law of love.



"Monthly Cuppa"

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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: 24 / 25 February

Saturday **3 / 4 March**

Saturday 3rd- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 4th- 9.30 am

Liturgy— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 10 / 11 March

Saturday 10th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 11th- 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

- Planning for the Parish Gathering on Sunday 20th May has begun.
- Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you are wanting to travel to the Easter Vigil on Saturday 31st March at Toronto, by bus.

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:	D Joyce	Mass
	VIGIL	D Peterson	H White
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	L Jay R Jay	P Melvey M Melvey
	9.30	D Peterson E Palmer	R Hay D Joyce
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	U France M Foo	D Peterson D Fitzgerald
	9.30	J France B Nowak	T Pontifex M Gray M McFarlane
<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:	Staff L Burgin	R Hay C Hay
	COORAN-BONG:	P McIntyre	F Dunn
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team A	Team B

UPCOMING **FEAST** **DAYS**

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:

Diane Guberinic, Bruce Gillett, Elayne Jay, Bill Vogels, Jim Hollier, Frances Bristow, Denise and John Hooker, 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.

Remembrance:

Francesco Lappa, Esterina Flex, Teresa Flex, Erminio Craighero, John Gibson.



MONTHLY CUPPA

The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Liturgy this 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 was held for parents who have children who have completed their First Reconciliation and wish to receive Confirmation, on Wednesday 28th February 2018 if you didn't attend the night but still wish for you your child to receive Confirmation please contact the Parish Office. Preparation sessions will commence in the week beginning Sunday 11th March 2018.

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 on Sunday 18th March 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 P 0413 448 196 or email: svj.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.

PARISH AUTUMN EVENT

A Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday 8th April 2018 at Martinsville Oval, from 11am. Fun for all the family with a "Spotto" competition, Tennis, French Cricket, Bowls (Boule) and Put Put Golf. Tea and Coffee will be provided, bring your picnic lunch.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASSES

The Diocese Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Tuesday 06 March at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. Our parish school St John Vianney Primary Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Thursday 8th March at 9.30am in Morisset Church. Which will be followed by open classrooms.

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@griefftopeaceaus.org.au or P 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griefftopeaceaus.org

BISHOP'S AWARD YOUTH SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 09 March at 6:00 PM at St John's Chapel, Maitland.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MASS

Will be held on Sunday 11 March at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Palm Sunday 25th March at St Joseph's Parish 140 Wangi Road Toronto, commencing at 2pm.

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY LIGHT

We will be joining Toronto Parish for The Easter Vigil in the Holy Light, which will be held at St Joseph's 140 Wangi Road Toronto on Saturday 31st March at 7.45pm. The parish will be providing travel by bus with pick ups at Cooranbong and Morisset Churches. If you wish to travel by bus please contact the parish office to secure your place.

A REUNION OF ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, MEREWETHER

Is being held on the Saturday of the long weekend in June (9 June) at a Newcastle venue. It will be a daytime event. Details are being finalised and further information regarding the reunion will be announced in coming weeks. To learn more please P T'ese Butler 0411 252 094 or E tese.butler@hotmail.com, or P Margie Harris on 0438 286 513 or E margaret.harris@newcastle.edu.au.

"IN LINE WITH ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"

It continues to be essential for all church workers/volunteers to understand the principles guiding our ministry. These principles, as stated in the ACBC document 'Integrity in the Service of the Church', will be explained throughout the diocese in 2018. A 3-hour module will run in the Callinan Centre on Friday 13th April 10am - 1pm Module 2. To register, please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office via E sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1134."

CARITAS DINNER

Will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Taree, 71-77 Albert St on Friday 9 March, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Caritas Australia Manager, Community Engagement, Father George Sigamony, will speak about Caritas and Project Compassion. Cost \$10. Email administration@tareeparish.org or P 6552 1084.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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FIRST READING

Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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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 this is due to Australian privacy laws.**

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