



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 11 MAR 2018

Nicodemus is at the centre of today's Gospel .

Being like all of us, made up of light and darkness together, Nicodemus is hesitant about opening himself to the gift of God, hesitant about making the leap of faith which can save him. What Nicodemus seems to have been unable to do was come out of the darkness and choose faith in Jesus.

Perhaps the greatest danger facing us is, that we might also settle for a kind of twilight existence. We never decisively declare for the light, but never totally opt for the dark.

Reflecting on Nicodemus should challenge us to come out from the shadows , and not be afraid to profess our faith in Jesus.



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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: 10 / 11 March

Saturday 10th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 11th- 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 17 / 18 March

Saturday 17th- 6pm

Mass— Cooranbong

Sunday 18th- 9.30 am

Youth 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 Gathering will be held on Sunday 20th May 2018.
- Could all Parish Teams please lodge your reports for the Gathering by the 14th April 2018.
- 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:	Mass	Mass
	VIGIL	H White	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	P Melvey M Melvey	H White D Peterson
	9.30	R Hay D Joyce	Youth
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	D Peterson D Fitzgerald	U France J France P Dunstan
	9.30	T Pontifex M Gray M McFarlane	J France H White B Nowak
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	G Selmes S Selmes	Youth
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	M McFarlane
	9.30	S Ekezie J Vipan	G Dash N Vipan
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	F Dunn	D Peterson
	9.30	J Douglas	D Peterson
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	M Gray	Melveys
	9.30	J Faint L Fenton	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	K McKenna A Dussin	XXXX
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	R Hay C Hay	L Fenton K Lendon
	COORAN-BONG:	F Dunn	Melveys
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team B	Team C

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, Jim Hollier, Frances Bristow, Denise and John Hooker, Nora Dillon, Margo Von Sanden, 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:

Father Peter McGrath

Remembrance:

Timothy Magee.



MONTHLY CUPPA

The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th April 2018 due to Easter Sunday being the 1st April. In the Callinan Centre, Jenny Douglas, John Hodges, Mary Kershaw, and Sue Heffernan 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.

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

ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

Will be held at St Joseph's Conference Centre, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay at 2pm on 25 March 2018. P 49791111.

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 7.30pm. 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.



Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Artswoker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

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.

PARISH EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Reconciliation—Wednesday 28th March 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper—Thursday 29th March 7pm
Stations of the Cross—Friday 30th March 11am
The Passion of the Lord—Friday 30th March 3pm
Easter Sunday—Sunday 1st April 9.30am
All services will be held in the Morisset Church.

"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."

INTERFAITH FORUM: OUR FAITHS AND PRAYERS

Will be held on Thursday 22 March at 6:00 PM at St Luke's Anglican Church, Metcalfe St, Wallsend. P 4979 1111.

CHRISM MASS

Will be held on Tuesday 27 March at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. P 4979 1134. All are welcome.

ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday 15 March at 12:00 PM at Fort Scratchley Function Centre. P 4979 1142.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE

Will be held on Monday 09 April at 6:30 PM at Northern Star Beaumont St Hamilton. P 4979 1111.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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FIRST READING

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **(R.)**
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by

grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in
God.'

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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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