



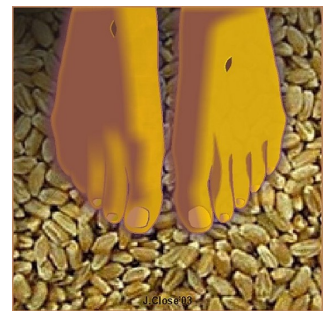
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 18 MAR 2018

In the Gospel today, Jesus says 'If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest'.

There is a huge paradox in all of this. A paradox is defined as a seemingly absurd or self contradictory statement, which is never the less true.

A grain of wheat has to die to bear fruit. And a single grain of wheat can produce as many as seventy grains.

Jesus went on to say that there is a sense in which we too must also die, if we are to bear fruit. We have to die of ourselves to live more fully as human beings and children of God. This dying of self is a gradual thing, and happens in very ordinary ways.



"Youth Mass"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community	Jenny Douglas	Wed
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education	Daphne Peterson	Fri
4. Mission and Outreach.	Emily Palmer	Thurs
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun
		Tues

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: 17 / 18 March

Saturday 17th- 6pm
Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday 18th- 9.30 am
Youth Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 24 / 25 March

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

- Please pray for a someone to receive the call to become our new PLT member.
- 7th and 8th April proposed date for LAP appeal.
- Extension to Lawn Cemetery the foundation path is under construction.
- The Parish Gathering will be held on 20th May at Morisset. Could all teams have their reports in by the 14th April.

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	J France
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	H White D Peterson	G Briggs K Lendon
	9.30	Youth	L Fairhall K McKenna
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	U France J France P Dunstan	H White M Gray
	9.30	J France H White B Nowak	J Douglas S Heffernan G Heffernan
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	Youth	L Fenton M English
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	M McFarlane	XXXX
	9.30	G Dash N Vipán	D Palmer G Ekezie
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	D Peterson	U France
	9.30	D Peterson	T Alexander
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	Melveys	Scullys
	9.30	Youth	B Nowak M Gray
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	XXXX	T Sarafov B Dash
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	L Fenton K Lendon	C Aspinall H White B Nowak
	COORAN-BONG:	Melveys	Scullys
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team C	Team D

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.



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. Our second week of preparation sessions commence this week.

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.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will held this Sunday 18th March at 9.30am. There will no practice held. For more information please call Emily Palmer on 0413 448 196. All Youth, Children and Families are welcome to participate.

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group get together will be held this 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: sjv.youth@mn.catholic.org.

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.

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.

SJV 100 CLUB DRAW

The last draw will be held this Sunday at Morisset Church. Thank you to those parishioners who have supported the parish through our 100 club. It has greatly assisted the parish in providing the improvements made to Cooranbong Church.

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



Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with 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.

"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 Esharon.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.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE

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

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL SLEEP OUT

Will be held on Saturday 24 March at 4:30 PM at Kilaben Bay. Dinner at 6pm.

Please join us for an over 18s only World Youth Day style sleep out under the stars at beautiful Kilaben Bay. We will gather together for a meal, games, music and community around the campfire before settling in for the night. On Sunday morning we will join with the local parish for the celebration of the Eucharist before enjoying a pancake breakfast and preparing for the annual Way of the Cross.

What to bring:

Tent/swag if you have one. Sleeping bag and toiletries. Musical instrument if you want to join in on the jam sessions.

There is a hall available in the event of wet weather.

Cost: none.

RSVP to the Facebook event on [mncatholicyouth](https://www.facebook.com/mncatholicyouth).

P Sam Hill 0437 192 603.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING

Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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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 this is due to Australian privacy laws.**

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