



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B**  
**SUNDAY, 25 MAR 2018**

*Today on Palm Sunday, we commence the great week of the liturgical year called Holy Week, and each year on this Sunday, the Church reads an account of the Passion of Jesus.*

*As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers, and also the apostles, who abandoned him in his hour of greatest need.*

*It is easy to witness to Jesus here in church, were we are among our own. But it is not easy to witness to him out in an indifferent and sometimes hostile world.*

*May the Lord take pity on us, his timid and fearful disciples, and give us courage so that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess.*



# "Palm Sunday"

**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

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

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**WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:**

**THIS WEEKEND: 24 / 25 March**

Saturday 24th- 6pm  
Liturgy— Cooranbong  
Sunday 25th- 9.30 am  
Mass— Morisset

**NEXT WEEKEND: 31 / 1st April**

Saturday 31st— 7.30pm  
Mass— Toronto  
Sunday 1st- 9.30 am  
Mass— Morisset

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

**MORISSET:**

Tuesday 9.30am—Liturgy of the Word  
Wednesday 7pm—Reconciliation  
Thursday 7pm—Mass of the Lord's Last Supper  
Friday 11am—Stations of the Cross  
Friday 3pm—The Passion of the Lord

**CONFESSIONS:** Before Mass or on request

**PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Please pray for someone to receive the call to become our new PLT member.
- Cleaning of the Brass for Holy Week will start from 10am on Tuesday 27th March in Morisset Church.
- 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](http://www.vianneymorisset.org.au)

<b><u>ROSTERS</u></b>			
		<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>
<b><u>Presiders</u></b>	MORISSET:	Mass	Mass
	VIGIL	J France	Mass at Toronto
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	G Briggs K Lendon	F Dunn J France L Fairhall U France H White
	9.30	L Fairhall K McKenna	J France K Amon L Fairhall
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	H White M Gray	XXXX
	9.30	J Douglas S Heffernan G Heffernan	J Douglas D Peterson K Lendon M McFarlane
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	9.30	L Fenton M English	M Foo
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	D Palmer G Ekezie	M McFarlane
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	U France	XXXX
	9.30	T Alexander	M Foo
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	Scullys	XXXX
	9.30	B Nowak M Gray	XXXX
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	T Sarafov B Dash	XXXX
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	MORISSET:	C Aspinall H White B Nowak	XXXX
	COORAN-BONG:	Scullys	XXXX
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team D	Team A

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**

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  
 Saint Mark, evangelist—26th April  
 Saints Philip and James, Apostles—3rd May

**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.**



**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.**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Morisset Church. Our Third 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 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.

**YOUTH MASS**

The next Youth Mass will held on Sunday 20th May at 9.30am. Practice will be held on Friday 18th May 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 15th April 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**

Congratulations to our winners of our last draw held last Sunday at Morisset.

1st Prize Ticket No:16 Hang Nguyen  
2nd Prize Ticket No:29 Dan Joyce

**SJV PRIMARY ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

The 2019 Kinder Information Evening is being held on Wednesday, 4th April, at 6:30pm, for a school tour, followed by a meeting at 7pm, in the school library. Enrolment packs will be available on the night. If you know anyone who has a child thinking about starting school next year please let them know about the evening.

All enrolment information is now available on the CSO website by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/schools/enrolment/>

**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.

**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.

**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.



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

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

**THE ANNUAL TENISON WOODS EDUCATION CENTRE DINNER**

Will be held on Monday 21 May at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. Guest speaker is acclaimed ABC television and radio journalist Geraldine Doogue and her topic is, "Beware the Distractibles – the Art of Perseverance". \$65 pp includes canapés, drinks, main meal and dessert. Bookings by 11 May to P 4979 1134 E sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au. Online payment can be made at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/> \* 'Diocesan Payment' \* Skip 'Select Your Parish'. \* Payment Note 'TWEC Dinner'.

**ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, MEREWETHER**

Will be holding a school reunion (for all years across 1932 to 1984) on Saturday 9 June, 2018. The school will be open for all former students to visit between 10am and noon on 9 June, followed by lunch from 1pm in the Windsor Room, South Newcastle Leagues Club, 46 Llewellyn Street, Merewether. Cost is \$50 per person (not including drinks). Please deposit into the account below as soon as possible, including full name as the reference when transferring your payment. Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB 650 000; account name M Harris, T Butler, C Doyle; account number 530680904. We are endeavoring to contact those who taught at St Joseph's. There will also be memorabilia on display. Please visit the St Joseph's High School Merewether Facebook page or contact T'ese on 0411 252 094 or Margie on 0438 286 513.

**CHRISTIAN INTERFAITH MORNING TEA**

Will be held on Thursday 26 April at 10:30 AM at Wallsend. P 4979 1117.

**PINTS WITH A PURPOSE**

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

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

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

**VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH**

We have an opportunity for someone to join the Parish Leadership Team. If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact the Parish Office.

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## FIRST READING *Is 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2*

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

## SECOND READING *Phil 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Phil 2:8-9*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL *Mk 15:1-39*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the

scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of 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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