



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset

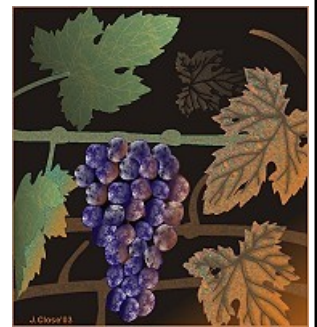


**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**  
**SUNDAY, 29 APR 2018**

***Many today ask, 'Why should I go to church? Why can't I worship God in my own way? Surely religion is about my personal relationship with God?'***

***From the earliest times, following Jesus was never just a private, personal matter. Christians came together to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, to witness to his resurrection, and live by his teachings. There should be no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and all other Christians. This is clear from the words of Jesus, 'I am the vine, you are the branches'.***

***The fruit which Christ desires from us is primarily that of unity among ourselves. By this all will know that we are living branches of the Vine, and by the bond that exists between us and the care we show one another.***



**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: 28 / 29 April***

Saturday 28th— 5.30pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 29th—9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

***NEXT WEEKEND: 5 / 6 May***

Saturday 5th— 5.30pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 6th—9.30 am

Liturgy— Morisset

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

**COORANBONG:**

Tuesday 9.30am—Liturgy of the Word

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**MORISSET:**

Thursday 9.30am—Liturgy of the Word

**CONFESSIONS:** Before Mass or on request

**PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Responses to the question “ What blessing or hope you wish for our parish over the next 3 years.” are available at the back of the church.
- There will a new question next week which will be: “Where do you think we should use our energy or resources over the next 3 years?”
- Gathering Report booklets are available at the back of the church.

**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	U France
	VIGIL	D Peterson	M McFarlane
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	J France U France	U France J France
	9.30	R Hay D Joyce	B Nowak H White
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	H White F Dunn	H White D Fitzgerald
	9.30	S Heffernan G Heffernan M McFarlane	D Peterson T Pontifex
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	9.30	Baldock Family	XXXX
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	S Dash G Ekezie	XXXX
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	U France	D Peterson
	9.30	J Douglas	J Douglas
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray	Scully Family
	9.30	Ekezie Family	A Dussin K McKenna
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	School Hols	A Dussin K McKenna
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	MORISSET:	P Melvey M Melvey	Staff
	COORAN-BONG:	C Vangsnes T Vangsnes	P McIntyre
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team A	Team A

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**

Saints Philip and James, Apostles—3rd May  
 Saint Matthias, Apostle— 14th May  
 Pentecost Sunday—20th May  
 The Most Holy Trinity—27th May

**Please pray for those who are sick , in hospital or recovering at home:**

Rod Russell, Diane Guberinic, Bruce Gillett, Elayne Jay, 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.**

**Remembrance:**

Grace Lyons, Cornelius Lyons, Emily Williams.



**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 Liturgy on Sunday 6th May 2018. In the Callinan Centre, Frances Dunn, Ann O'Neill, Kerry Lendon, Patty Herbert, and Tagen Sarafov 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 3rd and Session 2 on Sunday 10th June 2018 both at 10.45am.

**CONFIRMATION**

Will be celebrated on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Morisset Church.

**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.

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

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

### **WELCOME**

Please welcome Anakin Calvert-Evers and William Hancock and their families into our parish community, as they receive a "New Life in Christ" when they are baptised this weekend.

### **FOUND**

A Fit Bit was handed in on the Easter weekend. Please contact the parish office for further information.

### **ATTENTION ALL WHS NOTICES**

Please ensure only a maximum of 4 chairs are stacked together in both the Church and Callinan Centre, in future.

Please be aware that the kneelers can cause an injury if someone doesn't know that they need to move their legs or feet when it is being moved down.

### **PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPT REQUESTS**

If you wish to request a Tax Receipt for your planned giving contributions please submit your request by 31st May 2018. For those who contribute using envelopes please use the white card in your envelope pack. For those who contribute by direct debit or direct credit please use the pink card that you should have received in the mail. There are extra cards available at the back of the Church.

### **OPEN HOUSE AT COORANBONG CHURCH—REFURBISHMENTS**

As a thank you to all contributors you are invited to view St Patrick and St Brigid Church at Cooranbong at 9.30am on Tuesday 1st May 2018.

A short liturgy (20mins) will be followed by light refreshments of cheese and biscuits and drinks.

It also presents an opportunity to browse and admire the frequently praised historical cemetery. Transport is available please approach any PLT member.

### **2018 FAMILY FAITH FORUM**

To be held on Saturday 19 May 2018 in the Toohey Room from 9.00am - 3.30pm. Will explore the parish potential to be centres of living and proclaiming the Gospel.

Workshops will pick up the themes of the 2014 Proclaim Conference – Revitalising Parish Life. In particular the ideas of keynote speakers Fr Michael and Tom Corcoran in their best-selling book, Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter.

Workshops on :

- Music—coming together with music
- Parish Social Life—initiatives from parishes
- Outreach—linking school families with parish
- Message—faith sharing opportunities
- Youth—involving youth and their families

All who are interested and/or engaged in the development of parish life beyond Sunday worship are encouraged to attend.

Registration: FOR CATERING PURPOSES Please contact the Office of Life & Faith on P 4979 1328 or E olaf@mn.catholic.org.au

### **PARISH GATHERING**

Our Parish Gathering will be held on Sunday 20th May after 9.30am Mass at Morisset. All Welcome.

### **AURORA**

The May edition of Aurora will appear as an insert in The Newcastle Herald on Saturday 5 May and then in The Maitland Mercury, The Singleton Argus, The Manning River Times and The Scone Advocate on Wednesday 9 May and in The Muswellbrook Chronicle on Thursday 10 May.

### **COUNCIL FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The diocesan contact group for the Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW) will meet on the following Saturdays, 9am for 9.30am and all are welcome.

28 April, 30 June, 25 August, 27 October, 24 November (Christmas Gathering; time may change slightly). The group meets at St Benedict's Centre, The Chapel (entrance through driveway), 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. To learn more, please P Ellen Hazelton, 0407 513 813.

### **INTERFAITH VISITS**

Will be held on Thursday 10 May at 9.30 AM at International Buddhist Cham Shan Temple of Australia, 85 Freemans Drive, Morisset. If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP to Brooke Robinson, P (02) 4979 1111, or E brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au.

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Is holding an information session on Thursday 12 May from 3-5PM at The Resistance Centre, 472 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

### **A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION WITH BISHOP BILL**

GOODNESS living by faith will be held and repeated at the following venues:

Fri 8 June St Phillip's Church Hall, 31 Vista Pde, Kotara

Fri 8th July Corcoran Centre, George St, Morpeth

Fri 14 Sept St Mary's Hall, Our Lady of Rosary, Albert St, Taree  
Please bring a plate to share. For further information please contact the Office of Life and Faith on P 4979 1328 or E olaf@mn.catholic.org.au

### **PINTS WITH A PURPOSE**

Will be held on Monday 7th May 2018 starting from 6:30 PM at Northern Star Beaumont St Hamilton.

### **TRI-COVENANT SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

Will be on Tuesday 29th May 2018 between 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: THE SPIRIT IN THE DESERT**

The tradition of Christian meditation emerged from the wisdom of the Fathers and Mothers in the Egyptian desert in the fourth century. This wisdom can help us in our modern lives. You are welcome on Saturday, 5 May, 9.30am – noon at the Chapel of Newcastle Parish Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction (enter via laneway). Morning tea provided. RSVP annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808. Cost \$5.

### **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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

## FIRST READING

**Acts 9:26-31**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26**

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**1 Jn 3:18-24**

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows every-  
thing.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Jn 15:4-5**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Jn 15:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

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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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