



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 13 MAY 2018

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is a day for openness and joy. Before leaving his apostles Jesus commissioned them to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

In spite of the grave failings of his followers, and many terrible persecutions, the Gospel has come down to us across two thousand years. Today the task of preaching the Gospel to the whole world depends on us. It is a great privilege but a daunting task. The best way to preach the Gospel is by living a Christian life.

Each one of us is called to be the voice, the hands and the feet of Jesus in the world.



"Confirmation"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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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: : 12 / 13 May

Saturday 12th— 7pm

Confirmation Mass— Morisset

Sunday 13th—9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 19 / 20 May

Saturday 19th— 5.30pm

Mass— Cooranbong

Sunday 20th—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

- We are calling for proposals to be presented at our parish gathering to be submitted.
- Save the date for our parish Social Justice Luncheon to be held on Sunday 22nd July 2018. Our guest speaker is Sr Susan Connelly rsj.
- Members of the PLT attended the SJV School Mother's Day Mass.
- Members of the PLT attended the Interfaith Visit at the International Buddhist Cham Shan Temple.

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	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	H White B Nowak	D Peterson H White
	9.30	E Palmer D Peterson	Youth
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	K Lendon J Vipan	P Dunstan M Foo M Gray
	9.30	J Douglas' J France J Hutchins	D Peterson S Selmes J Hutchins
<u>GIFTS:</u>	9.30	A Dussin M English	Ekezie Family
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	M McFarlane J Vipan	M McFarlane
	9.30	S Dash D Palmer	G Dash S Ekezie
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	D Peterson	U France
	9.30	D Peterson	T Alexander
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	M Gray	K Dunn
	9.30	L Fenton M Gray	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	T Sarafov B Dash	XXXX
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	B Wright B Wright	R Philpott
	COORAN-BONG:	F Dunn	Melveys
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team B	Team C

UPCOMING **FEAST** **DAYS**

Saint Matthias, Apostle— 14th May
 Pentecost Sunday—20th May
 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church— 21st May
 The Most Holy Trinity—27th May

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

James Grainda, 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:

Mary Lyons



MONTHLY CUPPA

The next "Monthly Cuppa" will be held after 9.30am Liturgy on Sunday 3rd June 2018. In the Callinan Centre, Rhonda Baldock, Rob Baldock, Lynne Fairhall, Margaret Fowler, and Ann O'Neill 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 this Saturday 12th May at 7pm in Morisset Church. Bishop Bill Wright will be presiding, all welcome.

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 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.

PARISH GATHERING

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

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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.

SJV SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP "END POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION"

The principle of the common good calls for an economy at the service of all, promoting development that is attentive to the social and environmental impacts of the market, now and for future generations. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2017-2018.

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

TRI-COVENANT SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY IN AUSTRALIA

will be observed from 13-20 May, the week of Ascension and Pentecost. You might like to use some of the resources available as per the link below and invite some other Christian churches to join you. Theme: "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" cf Exodus 15:6 Resources: reflections for the 8 days, worship resource, sermon notes, notes for organisers. These resources are based on the international material for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/march-2018-1/item/1271-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2018 .

DIOCESE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK INVITATION

You are invited to celebrate National Volunteer Week with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West from 10.30am. RSVP to E volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au or P 02 4979 1145.

DIOCESE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS

Give a little. Change a lot is the theme for National Volunteer Week held between 21-27 May 2018. In recognition of this theme, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will be awarding outstanding volunteers. If there is a volunteer that you would like to receive an award for all the work they do then complete an award nomination form, they are available at the back of the church.

INTERFAITH FORUM

Will be held on Thursday 7th June, from 6.00pm at St Joseph's Conference Centre, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay.

At this forum we will explore about our faith in action, we will learn more from each other about Our Faiths and Finding Spirituality. To assist with catering could you please RSVP Brooke Robinson E:brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1111

I very much look forward to seeing what we can achieve together, while learning from each other as people of faith.

AN INVITATION FROM THE DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

Do you have a passion for liturgy? Do you find yourself wondering why we do what we do in the liturgy? Do you have ideas about how liturgical celebrations might be more nourishing? Do you want to deepen your knowledge of, and participation in, the liturgy? Then this is an opportunity for you!

Inspired by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Year of Youth, the Diocesan Liturgy Council is looking to establish some Diocesan liturgy forums. The Council would like to open new horizons for young people by providing forums for liturgical formation and conversation. We hope these will contribute to ongoing formation for discipleship and liturgical ministry in parishes, schools and elsewhere.

We will establish as many forums as are needed. They might be regionally-based, age-based, interest-based, ministry-based, culture-based, community-based. We are open to people's responses.

Please complete an Expression of Interest form by 21 May 2018 and send it to Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au.

We ask all members of the diocesan community to invite people to consider this invitation and submit an Expression of Interest.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION WITH OUR DIOCESAN NEOPHYTES

There will be a 6pm Mass on Friday 18 May, at St Francis Xavier Church, Church St Abermain.

All of the diocesan Neophytes who were Baptised and/or Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion at Easter or at other times in the past twelve months will be welcomed into Diocesan faith family by our new Vicar General Fr Andrew Doohan.

Together with their families, Godparents and Sponsors, Clergy, Religious, members of all parishes, RCIA representatives and any other interested people are warmly welcomed to attend. Following Mass, there will be a light meal provided and a chance to get-together for a chat, meet others and reflect on our continuing faith journey.

HAPPY IN YOUR FAITH BUT LOOKING FOR THAT BIT EXTRA?

Have you considered Cursillo? The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is having a Cursillo weekend from 7pm Friday 8 June to 5pm Monday 11 June. For more information, P John Setz 0438 524 714 or Joanne Standing 0401 438 967.

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

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how

infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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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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