



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



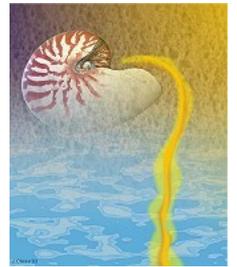
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C**

**SUNDAY, 16 DEC 2018**

*In the Gospel of this third Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist is asked by the people what they should do to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. John's response starts out with what we have come to call "corporal works of mercy." In other words, show mercy to those in need — without conditions.*

*Today, the living word of this Gospel has lost none of its power, just as on the day it was first spoken. John's words empower believers to ask the question "What ought we to do?" and then work toward an honest answer, so as to prepare a worthy welcome for our coming and ever-present God.*

*During these final days of Advent, may we welcome Christ as he comes to us in various ways. Christmas celebrates the presence of God in our world and in our daily life. It is not an event that is celebrated for one day, and then tossed aside with the dried up Christmas tree. It is a reality that we should celebrate every day of our lives.*



**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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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 5pm Wednesdays)

**WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:**

***THIS WEEKEND: : 15/16 December***

Saturday 15th – 6pm  
Mass— Cooranbong  
Sunday 16th —9.30 am  
Mass— Morisset

***NEXT WEEKEND: 22 / 23 December***

Saturday 22nd – 6pm  
Liturgy— Cooranbong  
Sunday 23rd—9.30 am  
Liturgy— 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**

- *In recent weeks button batteries have been found on the church pews. People may not be aware but this is a major safety issue please see information on page 3.*

**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)

**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.

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SOLEMINITIES**

The Nativity of the Lord—25th December  
 Saint Stephen, the First Martyr— 26th December  
 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist— 27th December  
 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs— 28th December  
 Holy Family— 30th December  
 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—1st January  
 The Epiphany of the Lord—6th January  
 The Baptism of the Lord— 13th January

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

Frances Bristow, Kevin Yates, Bishop Bill Wright.

**Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernard Maloney



<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	Mass	H White
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	K Lendon J Vipan	M Clipsham G Briggs
	9.30	P Melvey M Melvey	G Carr R Hay
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	M Foo M McFarlane T Pontifex	M Gray F Dunn
	9.30	F Dunn M McCarthy J France	J Douglas S Selmes
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray	XXXX
	9.30	S Alexander	XXXX
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	J Vipan	XXXX
	9.30	G Dash	XXXX
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	J France	M Foo
	9.30	M Clipsham	F Dunn
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	J Scully	K Dunn
	9.30	A Dussin	L Fenton
<b><u>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	A Dussin K McKenna	School Hols
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	MORISSET:	Ekezie Family	R Phillpot
	COORAN-BONG:	K Lendon	Melvey’s
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team C	Team D

**MONTHLY CUPPA**

The next “Monthly Cuppa” will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd February 2019. In the Callinan Centre, Anna Dussin, Therese Hoffman, Jenny McCarthy, Joe Lawandos and Rhonda Gosden to organise. All Welcome.

**COORANBONG HOSPITALITY**

There will be refreshments and nibbles after 6pm Mass at Cooranbong provided the weather is fine on Saturday 5th January 2019. Kerry Lendon and Michell Foo to host. 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 February 2019 both at 10.45am. For further information please contact the parish office Mon—Fri 9am –2pm.

**CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**

We wish to invite children who will be in Year 3 in 2019 or older and their families to take part in our 2019 Sacramental Program for Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you would like your child to take part please contact the parish office Mon—Fri 9am –2pm.

**SJV SOCIAL JUSTICE – CALL FOR CHANGE**

We call for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in the Gospel, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth. (ACB Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3)

In Baptism, each one of us is called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ – to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free. We are asked to serve people in need – in our workplace, church or social groups, whether known or unknown to us, on the streets or in the broader community, in solidarity, we must challenge views that condemn them. We work for an economy that prevents exclusion.

**Caritas Global Gifts**  
**Protect the Miracle of Motherhood this Christmas**

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in vulnerable communities. Share a message of compassion this Christmas. When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are supporting women give birth safely with access to expert care before and after babies are born. Order Global Gift cards online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call us on 1800 024 413.



**POSITION VACANT**

The parish is currently seeking a cleaner to clean the parish offices and Callinan Centre. The position is permanent part-time and is for 3 hours a fortnight. Please contact the parish office for a position description and selection criteria.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICES**

Tuesday 18th December at 1pm and Friday 21st December at 1pm in the Morisset Church. All Welcome.

**WHS NOTICE**

***In recent weeks button batteries have been found on the church pews. People may not be aware but this is a major safety issue please see information below.***

**Button Battery safety**

Lithium batteries are commonly called button, coin or disc batteries because of their small, smooth round appearance. We describe all of these types as 'Button Batteries'. These small shiny batteries are very attractive to inquisitive children and it can take just a split second for a child to swallow one. Did you know that if swallowed, button batteries can get stuck in a child's throat and cause a severe burn through the oesophagus, stomach, bowel or even inside the ear or nostril if inserted.

These injuries can happen in just 1-2 hours and can be fatal

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Reconciliation—Wednesday 19th December at 7pm in the Morisset Church.

Carols—Monday 24th December at 6pm at the Morisset Showground.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—Monday 24th December at 7pm at the Morisset Showground.

Christmas Day Mass—Tuesday 25th December at 9.30am in the Morisset Church.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP IN CARRINGTON**

invites you to their Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 17 December at 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gipps St Carrington. Praise and Worship will start at 7pm and refreshments will be served after Mass.



THE  
**Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**  
INVITES YOU TO THE

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
OF  
REV. ANTHONY VESORIO COLOMA  
AND  
REV. JOHN FRANCIS LOVELL

BY  
THE MOST REVEREND  
**WILLIAM J. WRIGHT D.D.**  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

ON 16 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10.00 AM  
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL  
841 HUNTER STREET, NEWCASTLE WEST, NSW 2302

*Please join us for tea immediately after the ceremony.*

**THANKYOU**

Our Morisset Vinnie's conference would like to thank everyone who contributed to their "Christmas Appeal". Your donations of cash, food and gifts will greatly help those in need in our local area this Christmas.

**TRIDUUM TAKE 3 – THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Will be the third workshop in the Triduum formation series the Diocesan Liturgy Council has been running since 2016. We began by exploring the Triduum as a whole, then in 2018 focused on the Easter Vigil, paying particular attention to the complexities of initiation. The formation will take place on Saturday 23 February starting at 9.30AM and will run until 1PM in the Toohey Room at the Diocesan Offices in 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Morning tea will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please bring a copy of your 2018 Good Friday liturgy to ensure your questions are considered. To register your interest in attending, or if you would like this workshop to run in your region, please contact Sharon Murphy: Email: [Sharon.Murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Sharon.Murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) Phone: 02 4979 1134

**CATHOLIC MISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18 NOW AVAILABLE**

**QUICK STATS** – Total funds raised 2017-18: \$17,008,392  
Funds raised from Maitland-Newcastle Diocese: \$445,949.  
Your prayers and generosity to our universal mission supported the following:

Community projects for 27 dioceses in 14 countries

Support for 2,080 seminarians in 10 countries

Support for 56,878 children in 16 countries

Work with 10 dioceses to continue our partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia

Find out more: request our Annual Report 2017-2018 be emailed or posted to you, or read online at our new website [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

Be inspired: watch project videos [www.youtube.com/user/cathmission](http://www.youtube.com/user/cathmission)

**VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH**

Please watch this space for future opportunities.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

## FIRST READING

**Zep 3:14-18**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Is 12:2-6 R. v.6**

**(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**Phil 4:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*The Lord is near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Lk 3:10-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*What, then, must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who may be sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered, please complete a prayer card for each person (i.e. one name per card) and place it in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are at the back of the church **Please note: All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person along with the contact details of the person or family member giving permission this is due to Australian privacy laws. Prayers for the sick will be published for 4 weeks, if more time is needed please complete a new card, every 4 weeks.**

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