



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C**  
**SUNDAY, 23 DEC 2018**

*In today's Gospel we have the story of Mary's visitation of her cousin Elizabeth. A moving but fairly ordinary happening; an encounter between two mothers to be.*

*As we prepare for the story of the birth of Christ, these readings remind us first of all that God's ways are not the ways of the world. It's easy to move away from the poverty of the original crib. We have a tendency to pretty up the Christmas story. But in doing that, we remove much of the meaning it carries for us.*

*Mary visited Elizabeth when she needed support. Christmas is dreaded by many people...living alone... grieving the loss of a loved one...burdened by bills... wrecked by anxiety over excessive drinking. It seems to them that everybody else is enjoying life and that makes the pain worse. Is there anybody I should visit with a word of support? My presence may be the best of presents*



**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community	Jenny Douglas	Wed
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 5pm Wednesdays)

**WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:**

***THIS WEEKEND: : 22 / 23 December***

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

***NEXT WEEKEND: 29/30 December***

Saturday 29th – 6pm  
Mass— Cooranbong  
Sunday 30th—9.30 am  
Mass— Morisset

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

**MORISSET:**

Monday 6pm—Christmas Carols  
At the Showground  
7pm—Vigil Mass  
At the Showground  
Wednesday 9.30am— Christmas Day Mass

**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.*
- *Working Bee at the showground to set up for Christmas Eve Carols and Mass from 10.30am.*

**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.**

<b><u>ROSTERS</u></b>			
		<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>
<b><u>Presiders</u></b>	MORISSET:	U France	Mass
	VIGIL	H White	Mass
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Clipsham G Briggs	J Jackson M Shamley
	9.30	G Carr R Hay	D Joyce M Clipsham
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray F Dunn	K Lendon H White U France
	9.30	J Douglas S Selmes	S Heffernan G Heffernan B Nowak
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	VIGIL	XXXX	R Scully
	9.30	XXXX	Ekezie Family
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	XXXX	XXXX
	9.30	XXXX	M Melvey
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Foo	D Peterson
	9.30	F Dunn	T Alexander
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	K Dunn	M Foo
	9.30	L Fenton	J Douglas
<b><u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	School Hols	School Hols
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	MORISSET:	R Phillpot	Vangsnes Family
	COORAN-BONG:	Melvey's	J Scully
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team D	Team D

**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:** Eileen McCarthy (Ireland), sister of Annette Ransom. Zorayda Steele (Rayda), Tony Baker.



**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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE - THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

*"Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation?"*

(ACB Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 3)

The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Consider this parable in the light of Australia's homelessness crisis. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

**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.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SET UP AT THE SHOWGROUND**

We will be having a working bee to set up the Showground for Carols and Mass starting at 10.30am at the Showground, Ourimbah St Morisset. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

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.

**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.

**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**

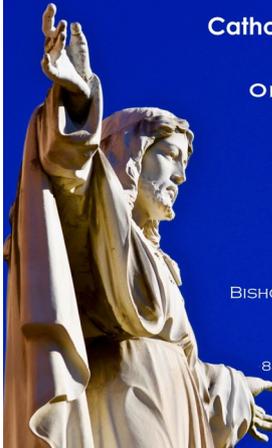
Lithium batteries are commonly called button, coin or disc batteries because of their small, smooth round appearance. We describe all of these types as 'Button Batteries'. These small shiny batteries are very attractive to inquisitive children and it can take just a split second for a child to swallow 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

**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.



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.*

**ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS**

Will be on Friday 15th February 2019 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St Newcastle West, followed by refreshments in the Davis Courtyard.

**2019 PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LITURGY**

Will be held on Tuesday 5th March between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by pancakes in the Victor Peters Suite ,841 Hunter St Newcastle West. Please RSVP to: [events@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@mn.catholic.org.au) by Monday 25th February 2019.

**NSW ASSOCIATION OF PASTORS AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATES (NAPPA) CONFERENCE**

Will be held on Tuesday 26th Feb 2019 at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. For more information go to: <https://nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference>

**2019 MAGDALENE AWARD**

International Women's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10 March with the presentation of the annual Magdalene Award. Please gather for Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Bill at Sacred Heart Cathedral and then enjoy morning tea with the nominees for the 2019 Magdalene Award, their families and friends. All are welcome!

**TRIDUUM TAKE 3 WORKSHOP: GOOD FRIDAY**

The Diocesan Liturgy Council will run the third in its series of Triduum workshops on 23 February 2019. Focus will be on the key pastoral and liturgical issues regarding Good Friday. All members of the community are welcome, however, this workshop is most suitable for liturgy teams, RCIA teams, liturgical ministers (musicians, sacristans, communion, altar servers, proclaimers), RECs and clergy. Read more at <http://mnnews.today/your-diocese/2018/triduum-take-3-will-focus-on-good-friday/>

**VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH**

Please watch this space for future opportunities.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

### FIRST READING

**Mi 5:1-4**

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend  
his power  
to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4**

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**Heb 10:5-10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming

to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**Lk 1:39-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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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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