



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- YEAR C
SUNDAY, 6 JAN 2019

Today we hear the story of the wise men who, guided by the light of a star, came to Bethlehem to honour the Christ child. Often we see the Epiphany story as a fairytale conclusion to the Christmas season.

Soon after the visit from the Magi, Mary and Joseph were informed in a dream, that their child was no longer safe in Bethlehem. They must leave their homeland and strike out for a distant place. Jesus, Mary and Joseph became refugees in Egypt.

From earliest times, people around the world have migrated from one place to another for countless reasons: to find food, to escape threats and violence, to seek employment, to flee repressive governments, and on and on.



"The Epiphany"

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: : 5 / 6 January

Saturday 5th – 6pm
Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday 6th—9.30 am
Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 12 / 13 January

Saturday 12th – 6pm
Liturgy— Cooranbong
Sunday 13th—9.30 am
Liturgy— Morisset

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

No weekday liturgies School Holidays

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

THANK YOU

The Christmas Planning Team would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, to make the Christmas Eve Mass at the Morisset Showground, a success.

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	M McFarlane
	VIGIL	Mass	D Joyce
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	F Dunn K Lendon	H White D Joyce
	9.30	H White B Nowak	L Fairhall K McKenna
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	M Foo D Fitzgerald M Gray	U France M Gray
	9.30	J Hutchins M Clipsham J France	M Gray D Peterson
<u>GIFTS:</u>	VIGIL	Scully Family	XXXX
	9.30	A Dussin	XXXX
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	M Melvey	XXXX
	9.30	G Dash	XXXXX
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	F Dunn	J France
	9.30	J Douglas	T Alexander
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	K Dunn	G Briggs
	9.30	Melvey Family	Baldock Family
<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	School Hols	School Hols
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	MORISSET:	J France	R Phillpot
	COORAN-BONG:	P MacIntyre	Vangsnes Family
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team A	Team B

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- The Epiphany of the Lord—6th January
- The Baptism of the Lord— 13th January
- St Anthony— 17th January
- St Agnes, virgin, martyr— 21st January
- St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor— 24th January
- The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle— 25th January
- Australia Day—26th January
- Saint Thomas Aquinas— 28th January
- Saint John Bosco— 31st 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.



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 HOUSING CRISIS- A HOMELESSNESS TRAGEDY

Pope Francis raises the challenge directly in his apostolic exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate:

"If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ."

Will we assist the person lying by the side of the road or will we pass on the other side?

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, page 10

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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

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>

SOCIAL JUSTICE—REACH OUT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSING DIFFICULTIES AND HOMELESSNESS.

A place to call home is indispensable to our sense of self. Without it 'our spirit and identity are adrift, and our capacity for community engagement is weakened'.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 4

It is likely that people in your own networks, parish and local area have experienced homelessness or housing difficulties. They possess a humanity and dignity that needs to be honoured. Hearing their stories can build relationships that address personal needs and build solidarity.

St Vincent de Paul Society, Matthew Talbot Homeless Service, Newcastle: www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/Housing/The_Matthew_Talbot_Homeless_Service/Catholiccare: www.catholiccare.org.au/

Hunter Homeless Connect Inc.: www.hunterhomelessconnect.org.au/about/

Link2Home: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

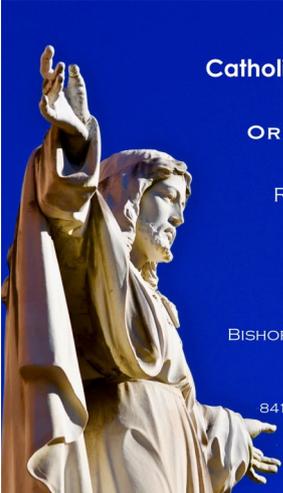
Upper Hunter Homeless Support: www.intake@uwhsos.org.au

Our Backyard Care to Home Project: www.ourbackyard.info

Nova for Women and Children Inc.: www.novawomen.org.au/

Samaritans Homelessness Services: www.samaritans.org.au/service/homeless/

Compass Housing Services Hamilton: www.compasshousing.org/



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.

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!

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 by Monday 25th February 2019.

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/>

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all God's people are invited to reflect on the question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 on the website, www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for future opportunities.

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FIRST READING

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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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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