



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C
SUNDAY, 13 JAN 2019

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the final day of the Christmas season.

Can you remember your baptism? Not many of us can, because most of us were baptized as infants. In the early church it was adults who were baptized. Only later did it become common to baptize infants.

We say that we are "baptized into Christ." As Christ was "priest, prophet and king, so we are to live unto everlasting life." That is an awesome and demanding responsibility. Baptism is not initiation into an exclusive club of rights and privileges. Baptism is initiation into Christ. We "put on Christ." That is a call and a way of life, not a membership.

Pope Francis, recently talked about the history of the church as being not so much a history of building cathedral walls, as one of Christians building lives and communities of love and service.



"The Baptism of the Lord"

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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

NEXT WEEKEND: 19 / 20 January

Saturday 19th – 6pm
Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday 20th—9.30 am
Mass— Morisset

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

No weekday liturgies School Holidays

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The PLT will meet this Thursday 17th January.
- PLT members will be attending the NAPPA conference in February.

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- 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, Bishop Bill Wright.

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

Recently Deceased: Nando Sordilli, Pina Bucciarelli.

Remembrance: Mimma Capanna, Mimmo Salvi, Artemio Guerrieri



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 2nd February 2019. Marcia Foo and Jackie Watt 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.

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/>

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - CHALLENGING POLICIES OF EXCLUSION

In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis challenges the policies and economics of exclusion:

“Just as the commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say ‘thou shalt not’ to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion ... Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalised: without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape.”

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, page 11

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

ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

Will be held on Friday 15th Feb 2019 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Starting with Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St Newcastle West followed by refreshments in the Davis Courtyard.

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

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.

6 METCALFE ST, WALLSEND
SATURDAY 2ND OF FEBRUARY, 2019
10 AM - 3 PM

**Open Day
2019**

The Newcastle Muslim Association would like to invite you to attend our Open Day at Newcastle Mosque.

We welcome you to a tour of the mosque and join in some fun activities. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and come and get to know us.

Q&A | BBQ | KIDS ACTIVITIES | TOUR OF THE MOSQUE
ISLAMIC EXHIBITION | ARABIC TEA & COFFEE CORNER

NEWCASTLE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION
For further information, please email us: newcastlemosque@yahoo.com

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—UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER PICTURE BEHIND THE HOUSING CRISIS.

Homelessness reaches more widely across our society than we might realise and touches more than those who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact, a shadow of homelessness falls on anyone who struggles to meet barely-affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 7

How can we improve understanding of the wider economic circumstances that drive people into homelessness? How do factors such as poverty, domestic violence and mental illness contribute to homelessness and housing stress? What has to change in our cities and communities so that everyone can have a place to call home?

Homelessness NSW: www.homelessnessnsw.org.au/

Shelter NSW: www.sheltersnsw.org.au/

Compass Housing: www.compasshousing.org/service/homeless/

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for future opportunities.

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FIRST READING

Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**
5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to

give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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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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