

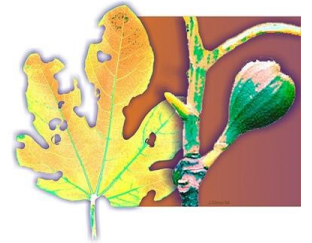


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH 2019

The readings this Sunday, come to us in the middle of our Lenten journey as a call to take a good look at ourselves and how we profess our faith. In The First Reading, God hears the cry of the Hebrews and calls Moses from the burning bush to go to Egypt to save them. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the unproductive fig tree. Both stories invite us to explore more deeply our own call to be merciful as God is merciful.

Patience is more than just waiting. Patience means we continue to struggle long after others have walked off the job. Such patience was one of the qualities of Thomas Edison when he was inventing the light bulb. He kept working on perfecting the bulb until it burned for 600 hours.

Like the fig tree in today's Gospel, we are given second chances, which will be meaningless if we don't change. While the sap of life still runs in us, it is never too late to change our ways. Let us begin today!



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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PRIEST SUPERVISOR: Fr Geoff Mulhearn
Priest in Residence Fr Reg Callinan, parish priest emeritus (retired priest)

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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.

WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: : 23 / 24 March

Saturday 23rd – 6pm
Liturgy— Cooranbong
Sunday 24th—9.30 am
Liturgy— Morisсет

NEXT WEEKEND: 30 / 31 March

Saturday 30th – 6pm
Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday 31st—9.30 am
Mass— Morisсет

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

Tuesday 9.30am— Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 9.30am— Liturgy of the Word

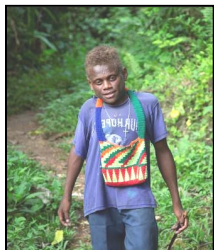
CONFESSIONS: Before Mass or on request.

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Attention all Communion Leaders, Special Ministers and any parishioner who is interested in serving in this ministry role. **Please save the Date MAY 4th – 9.30am – 11.00am**
- “The Way of the Cross” at Toronto Will be held on Sunday 7th April from 3pm, we are seeking volunteers to be involved in acting out a Station.
- Memorial Service for Victims of abuse to be held at St Frances Xavier on Wednesday 27th March at 6pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION

THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water

system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES

Are available at the back of the church, for those who wish to donate via cheque, credit card or cash notes.

ATTENTION ALL COMMUNION LEADERS, SPECIAL MINISTERS AND ANY PARISHIONER WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING IN THIS MINISTRY ROLE.

Please save the Date MAY 4th – 9.30am – 11.00am

There will be an Inservice in Morisset church and we will look at:-

the new Diocesan document "The Communion Rite" and Workshop on the ministry of the role of an Extraordinary Minister at Mass and Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion.

May the 4th be with you!!!!

PARISH GATHERING

Sr Lauretta Baker will facilitate our Parish Gathering to be held on Sunday 9th June 2019 in the Callinan Centre after 9.30am Mass.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Will cease at 3am on Sunday 7th April 2019, Saturday Liturgies and Masses at Cooranbong will start at 5.30pm from Saturday 13th April 2019.

THE ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

Will be held at St Joseph's Conference Centre, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay on Sunday 7 April at 3pm. Afternoon tea provided. P 4979 1111. The Way of the Cross gives us the opportunity to express our faith while remembering the last moments of Jesus' earthly life. We are calling for volunteers to act out a station if you would like to help please speak to Uta France or contact the parish office.

CHRISM MASS

Will be held Tuesday 16 April, at 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton.

PALM SUNDAY PICNIC NEWCASTLE



12-2pm Foreshore park near Tramshed 14 April

You are invited to join a multi-faith Palm Sunday event in Newcastle on 14 April from 12 noon to 2pm at the Foreshore Park, near the Tram-sheds. The event will be a family picnic with speakers.

Palm Sunday events are traditionally held on the themes of peace and justice. In recent years this has included a focus on asylum seekers and refugees.

Amnesty Newcastle, in conjunction with other groups promoting human rights and the just treatment of refugees, are inviting all of the major faith groups to support this event.

The theme of the event will be 'Say Yes to Refugees' urging that refugees detained offshore be resettled in Australia or in another country that welcomes them.

Bring your own picnic food and drinks.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Will be at St Francis Xavier College 286 Parkway Ave, HAMILTON commencing at 6pm.

TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.

In Australia there are many organisations working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 15

Commit to helping those in need in the local community through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Care and other charities and services.

ANNUAL TWEC DINNER

Will be held on Friday 31 May at 6:30 PM at Therry Centre, New England Hwy, East Maitland. Speaker will be Dr Michele Connolly rsj on 'Does the New Testament speak to contemporary Australia?' Enquiries P 4979 1111.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

We are seeking Ministers of Communion for taking Communion to the Sick.

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>	VIGIL:	J France	Mass
	9.30:	D Joyce	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	VIGIL	F Dunn M Clipsham	D Joyce H White
	9.30	D Peterson J France	K Amon K Smith
<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	VIGIL	M Foo D Peterson	M McFarlane G Heffernan S Heffernan
	9.30	J Hutchins M Gray	J Douglas F Dunn H White
<u>GIFTS:</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	U France
	9.30	XXXX	Melvey Family
<u>SERVERS</u>	VIGIL	XXXX	M Melvey
	9.30	XXXX	G & S Ekezie
<u>AV:</u>	VIGIL	U France	M Foo
	9.30	T Alexander	D Peterson
<u>WELCOMERS:</u>	VIGIL	J Scully	M Gray
	9.30	J Douglas	L Fenton
<u>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</u>	9.30	K Amon K Smith	G & S Selmes
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u>	COORAN-BONG:	Melvey Family	J Scully
	MORISSET:	R Hay	XXXX
<u>COUNTING</u>		Team D	Team A

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr— 11th April
- PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD—14th April
- THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—18th April
- FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—19th April
- PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT—20th April
- SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION—21st April
- St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor— 29th April
- St Athanasius, bishop, doctor— 2nd May
- Sts Philip and James, apostles— 3rd May
- St Matthias, apostle—14th May
- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin—31st May

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

Severino Cruz, Bruce Gillett, Joan Gillett, Pamela Harrison, Sibolt van der Kamp, Ralph McKelvie, Laura Golding nee Mirabello, Lisa Mirabello, Frances Bristow.

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 7th April 2019. In the Callinan Centre, Jenny Douglas, John Hodges, Mary Kershaw and Sue Heffernan 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 7th and Session 2 on Sunday 14th April 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 are in Year 3 this year 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.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Bill Wright will confer the sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm on Thursday 6th June in the Morisset Church.

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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FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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