



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C**  
**SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH 2019**

*Today's Gospel story is the familiar parable of the prodigal son.*

*The Gospel presents a story that illustrates a significant reason for joy. Jesus tells us of a God who knows us, allows us to make good and bad decisions and who is at hand for us, no matter what! This God is especially attentive when we need understanding, mercy and forgiveness.*

*In the parable the younger son does not trip and fall into the distant land of sin and suffering (like most of us). Not at all. The fact is, he chooses to set off down this road. From the very beginning of the parable, then, this Father is different from all the others; if we miss this detail, we may miss the parable's power to surprise us into conversion.*

*When we hear it, we are amazed at the enduring love of the father who gives us a powerful lesson on how to forgive. Fr Brendan Byrne sj, suggests that this parable also prompts us to ask ourselves if we really know God, and if we are comfortable with the God who loves so lavishly, forgives so freely and wishes to be reconciled with every sinner.*



**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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5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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**PRIEST SUPERVISOR:** Fr Geoff Mulhearn  
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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 5pm Wednesdays)

**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: : 30 / 31 March***

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

***NEXT WEEKEND: 6/ 7 April***

Saturday 6th – 6pm  
Mass— Cooranbong  
Sunday 7th—9.30 am  
Mass— Morisset

**WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK**

**MORISSET:**

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Before Mass or on request.

**PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- The theme for our Parish Gathering is "Belonging"
- "Way of the Cross" Marie Sevil from Toronto parish is asking for anyone who can bring a plate to share on the on the day for afternoon tea and people to help serving afternoon tea. Please contact Toronto Parish on P4959 2777 if you are able to assist.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://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!!!!

**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.

**CHRISM MASS**

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

**EASTER MASS TIMES**

**Reconciliation**—Wednesday 17th April 7pm

**Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper**—Thursday 18th April 7pm

**Stations of the Cross**—Friday 19th April 11am

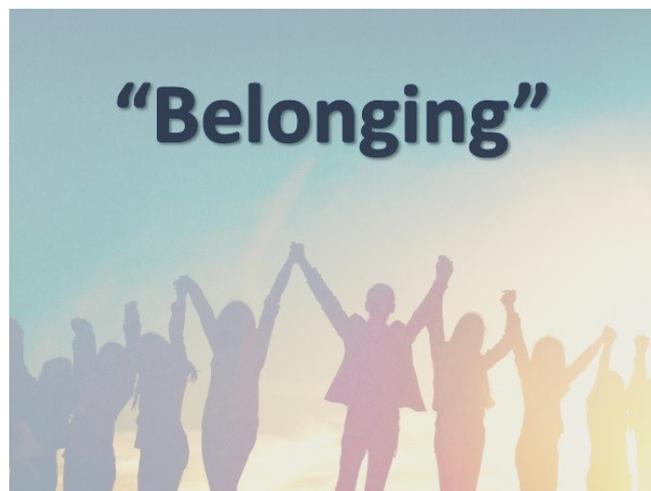
**Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**—Friday 19th April 3pm

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Light**—Saturday 20th April 7pm

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**—

Sunday 21st April 9.30am

**All services will be held in the Morisset Church  
60 Yambo St, Morisset.**

**PARISH GATHERING**

Our theme for the Parish Gathering is “Belonging”. Sr Laretta Baker will facilitate our Parish Gathering to be held on Sunday 9th June 2019 in the Callinan Centre after 9.30am Mass.

**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. Marie Sevil from Toronto parish is asking for anyone who can bring a plate to share on the on the day for afternoon tea and people to help serving afternoon tea. Please contact Toronto Parish on P4959 2777 if you are able to assist.

**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?

**A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! 26 – 28 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

**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](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>	VIGIL:	Mass	Mass
	9.30:	Mass	Mass
<b><u>PROCLAIMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray D Joyce	D Peterson U France
	9.30	K Amon K Smith	D Joyce R Baldock
<b><u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u></b>	VIGIL	M McFarlane G Heffernan S Heffernan	M Gray M Foo K Lendon
	9.30	J Douglas F Dunn H White	J France M Clipsham J Hutchins
<b><u>GIFTS:</u></b>	VIGIL	U France	Melvey Family
	9.30	Melvey Family	Ekezie Family
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	VIGIL	M Melvey	M McFarlane
	9.30	G & S Ekezie	G & S Ekezie
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Foo	F Dunn
	9.30	D Peterson	J Douglas
<b><u>WELCOMERS:</u></b>	VIGIL	M Gray	K Dunn
	9.30	L Fenton	K McKenna
<b><u>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</u></b>	9.30	G & S Selmes	A Dussin K McKenna
<b><u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u></b>	COORAN-BONG:	J Scully	C Vangsnes
	MORISSET:	XXXX	R Philpott
<b><u>COUNTING</u></b>		Team A	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:**  
 Noel Maloney, 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.**  
**Remembrance:** Margaret Neale



**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.***

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR C

### FIRST READING

**Jos 5:9-12**

A reading from the book of Joshua

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**2 Cor 5:17-21**

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

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Lk 15:18**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL

**Lk 15:1-3. 11-32**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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