



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C
SUNDAY, 12TH MAY 2019

Every year on the fourth Sunday of Easter, the readings focus our attention on the 'Good Shepherd'. Jesus the Good Shepherd, says, 'I know my sheep.'

City-dwellers almost never have occasion to see shepherds in the fields, but there are still many places around the world where shepherds roam the pastures, tending their flocks. It is a hard life. Shepherds live out in the open with their sheep. They sleep under the sky and stand watch through the long night. At sunrise they guide the sheep through the next day's search for food. The sheep and their shepherd become one as they voyage together out across the grasslands. While the shepherd depends upon the sheep for his or her livelihood, the sheep depend on the shepherd to protect them and care for them. After a time, the sheep come to know their shepherd's steady voice. They will follow no one else but him. Another shepherd cannot step in and steal the sheep away. In their lonely profession the shepherds sacrifice themselves for their sheep just as Jesus did when he died for us.

Today the world needs courageous people who witness to eternal values beyond money and selfish preoccupations. Are we willing to proclaim the message of Jesus?



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

| Foundation | Leader | In Office |
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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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PRIEST SUPERVISOR: Fr Geoff Mulhearn
Priest in Residence Fr Reg Callinan, parish priest emeritus (retired priest)

Parish Administrative Assistant: Mrs Rosanna Suckling Mon— Fri

IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO CONTACT US PLEASE DO SO AS FOLLOWS:

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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: : 11 / 12 May

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| Saturday | 11th— 5.30pm Liturgy— Cooranbong |
| Sunday | 12th—9.30 am Liturgy— Morisset |

NEXT WEEKEND: 18 / 19 May

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| Saturday | 18th— 5.30pm Mass— Cooranbong |
| Sunday | 19th—9.30 am Mass— Morisset |

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

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

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass or on request.

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Vinnie's will be having their winter appeal on the weekend of the 15th and 16th June.
- This Sunday 12th May is the last day to submit reports and proposals for the gathering.
- The PPC will meet this Thursday 16th May at 9.30am in the Callinan Centre.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Bill Wright will confer the sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm on Thursday 6th June in the Morisset Church, followed by light refreshments with the Bishop afterwards in the Callinan Centre. Everyone is invited to attend, please bring a plate of light supper to share.

PARISH GATHERING REPORTS AND PROPOSALS

The deadline for the submission of both reports and proposals for the Parish gathering is this Sunday **12 May** so can you please submit these as soon as possible. Thank you.

PARISH EVALUATION 2018-2019

We welcome your responses so please take a Parish Evaluation 2018-2019 and take the time to complete it. Your ideas and comments assist our planning. Please place completed evaluations in the box provided no later than **19th May 2019**. **Please note that the questions on page 3 regarding ministries are optional.**

APPEAL FOR VICTIMS

On the weekend of the 18th and 19th May we will be holding an appeal for the Victims of the recent attacks in Christchurch and Sri Lanka. Buckets will be placed at the doors of the church for you to place your donations in as you leave.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to those who support our parish through our planned giving program. If you would like a tax receipt for your planned giving contributions please complete the white or pink card that is in your envelope pack or that was mailed out to you and return to the parish office by **31st May 2019**. Please note as the number of givers who request a tax receipt is used in calculating the percentage claimable, we are unable to provide TAX RECEIPTS for requests made after 30th June 2019.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION WITH BISHOP BILL

The theme is GOODNESS living by faith

"Arise, shine out, 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." – ISAIAH 60:1-3

TAREE - St Mary's Hall, Our Lady of Rosary, Albert St, Taree.

9.30-3.00pm Tues 16 July

MORPETH - Corcoran Centre, George St, Morpeth. 9.30-3.00pm Fri 26 July

KOTARA - St Phillip's Church Hall, 31 Vista Pde, Kotara. 9.00-2.30pm Fri 9 Aug

TORONTO - Toronto Parish, 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto 9.30 - 3.00pm Thur 29 Aug

Repeated at each venue. Please bring a plate to share. Information & Registration P 4979 1111 or E events@mn.catholic.org.au

HEALING MASS WITH BISHOP COLIN CAMPBELL OF DUNEDIN NZ.

The Newcastle Charismatic Renewal invites all who are interested to attend the Healing Mass on Thursday 30 May at 7pm St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wallsend. Contact Paul Gleeson 0420 281 285 or Wayne Caruana 0466 631394



LAP

Last weekend there was an Appeal at church for volunteers to help with The Learning Assistance Programme [LAP].

This was a call for volunteers from St John Vianney Parish! LAP only works if there are volunteers available. So parents, grandparents, carers and / or guardians, would you consider helping students on a one-to-one basis for Terms Two and Term Three at St John Vianney School during 2019? Additional information can be found by talking with a staff member known to you at the School or you could ring on 4959 1355 to speak with Margaret McLeod rsm, LAP Co-ordinator.

YOUR SUPPORT MUCH APPRECIATED

Thanks to all parishioners for their generous support of the Plant and Card Sale last weekend.

An amazing \$246.00 was given to the parish to help cover ongoing garden costs, such as the more regular pruning of grevilleas and food for our glorious roses.

From all on the Garden Team

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, May 27, 2019 between 6:30PM and 8:30PM.

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.

NEWCASTLE CELEBRATING UNITY IN DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

Australia's First Nation People Refugees Migrants Asylum Seekers All Cultures and Religions

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

Gregson Park Hamilton

Welcome walk starts 11am at Park

Find us on Facebook



VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

We are seeking Ministers 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.

| ROSTERS | | | |
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| | | <u>THIS WEEK</u> | <u>NEXT WEEK</u> |
| Presiders | VIGIL: | D Peterson | Mass |
| | 9.30: | J France | Mass |
| PROCLAIMERS: | VIGIL | H White D Joyce | M Clipsham F Dunn |
| | 9.30 | M Clipsham R Hay | J France D Peterson |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | VIGIL | K Lendon D Fitzgerald | M McFarlane M Foo P Dunstan |
| | 9.30 | H White M Gray | J Douglas J Vipan H White |
| GIFTS: | VIGIL | XXXX | D Peterson |
| | 9.30 | XXXX | J Hutchins |
| SERVERS | VIGIL | XXXX | M Melvey |
| | 9.30 | XXXX | J Vipan |
| AV: | VIGIL | J France | U France |
| | 9.30 | T Alexander | D Peterson |
| WELCOMERS: | VIGIL | M Foo | F Dunn |
| | 9.30 | A Dussin | L Fenton |
| CHILDREN’S LITURGY: | 9.30 | K Amon K Smith | T Sarafov B Dash |
| CHURCH CLEANERS: | COORAN-BONG: | Melvey Family | J Scully |
| | MORISSET: | Ekezie Family | R Philpott |
| COUNTING | | Team B | Team C |

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- St Matthias, apostle—14th May
- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin—31st May
- St Justin, martyr— 1st June
- The ASCENSION of the LORD— 2nd June
- Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs— 3rd June
- St Boniface, bishop, martyr— 5th June
- PENTECOST— 9th June
- The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church— 10th June
- St Barnabas, apostle— 11th June

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

Bruce Gillett, Joan Gillett, Maria Challis, Costantino Lappa,



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 2nd June 2019. In the Callinan Centre, Frances Dunn, Kerry Lendon, Patty Herbert, Tagen Sarafov and Marian Brown 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 2nd and Session 2 on Sunday 16th June 2019 both at 10.45am. For further information please contact the parish office Mon—Fri 9am –2pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Our Third session begins this weekend May 11th (Saturday Group at Cooranbong Church starting at 4pm and finishing prior to Mass) and May 12th (Sunday groups at Morisset Church starting at 10.30 am immediately following the Mass)

PARISH GATHERING

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

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.**

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than
anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

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