



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 15 JANUARY 2023

We're now in Ordinary Time. Just the day-to-day, run-of-the-mill faith time, which is the time to be God's reflection in the world. This Sunday the readings lead us into the season, with a reflection on who we are called to be as Christians.

They remind us that being a Christian is never a solo performance. We are called together, formed by the word of God to become a light to the nations.

Through our Baptism we have been called to be disciples of Jesus. This is a great honour and a great privilege, but we must not forget it is a call to service. We must learn from John the Baptist, to put our gifts at the service of others.



We have been blessed, so that we can be a blessing to others.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal People who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France	Sat & Sun

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	14th January 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	15th January 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Saturday	21st January 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	22nd January 9.30am Mass— Morisset

There will be no Tuesday Liturgies during the Christmas School Holidays , they will resume in Feb 2023.

We are back to walk in at all services.

We are still recording our Sunday Services and placing them on our Website and Facebook page for you to view if you are sick and unable to attend services.

TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WE ENCOURAGE :
MASK WEARING ,
PHYSICAL DISTANCING,
HAND SANITISING,
And STAYING HOME IF SICK

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2023-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas season is now behind us, the decorations are packed away, and we are in the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time (Year A). Just the day-to-day, run-of-the-mill time, which, we are told, is the perfect time to make unordinary tasks, the essentials of Ordinary Time.

This week's readings lead us into Ordinary Time with a reflection on who we are called to be as Christians. As Christians we are called to a standard of behaviour that should be worthy of a Christian. Whether at work, at home, on the road, in church. Wherever we find ourselves, we're supposed to live as Christ would live, speak as he would speak and do as he would do.

The scriptures today encourage us to discern God's will, and to boldly walk into the future that God calls us into. Thus the critical moments of our lives, individually and collectively can be new horizons of possibility for us, but also beyond us and into the future

It is beneficial to reflect upon what it truly means to be a Christian in our culture today. The last NCL Survey 2022, suggests that we are becoming a minority in the midst of a secular society. It is important that we learn to engage with others as pilgrims, and act as yeast in a critical and disbelieving world.

As we recover from the Covid pandemic, it is hoped that we will not simply return to the patterns of behaviour that cause environmental, economic, and social damage. The Church must also set itself to the task of rebuilding in the wake of the sexual abuse crisis, and must be a humble, and inclusive Church. We must reclaim what Christ stands for, or we will lose our mission of being the light of the world. May we as the body of Christ and as faithful servants, be a sign of hope, and the voice of conscience for our society today. -John France.

PARISH OFFICE

Please be advised the Parish Office will be unattended from Thursday 5th January until Monday 23rd January. Our Parish Secretary Rosanna, is taking some well-earned leave. If you need assistance of any kind, at any time, please phone the Parish number, 49736859, and your call will be answered by a member of the Parish Leadership Team.

PRIEST SUPERVISOR

Fr Greg Barker the Diocesan Administrator has appointed Fr Joseph Figuardo to the position of Priest Supervisor for Morisset Parish. Fr John Purnell will continue as Sacramental Priest. Fr Joseph is also the Parish Priest of Blackbutt South Parish, (Cardiff, Kotara, Adamstown.) as well as the Dean of the Wattagan Deanery.

WELCOME.

Welcome to St John Vianney Parish, anyone visiting the Lake Macquarie Region during the Summer School Holidays.

Since the mid 1800s there has been a Catholic Presence in our area.

St John Vianney's Parish Morisset was officially formed in 1947.

Previous to 1947 Morisset, belonged to the parishes of Kincumber, Gosford and Wyong. The Mass center of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong dates back to the 1860's. The Cooranbong Church celebrated its centenary in August 2006 and its 150th celebration of Catholic presence in 2011.

It is documented that Saint Mary of the Cross (McKillop), visited Cooranbong on at least one occasion where she had a convent and school.

Up until 1966 St John Vianney Parish was part of the Diocese of Sydney, but now belongs to the Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle, with Bishop William Wright as Bishop.

St John Vianney Church Morisset has an "audio loop" for people with hearing aids with the "T" setting. information may be obtained from the Parish Web site.

www.vianneymorisset.org.au

2023 LENTEN REFLECTION: FINDING LIGHT WITHIN THE DARKNESS

Pastoral Ministries has prepared a Lenten resource for our diocese, Finding Light within the Darkness. Every Lent there is a fresh invitation to retreat from the noise and busyness of daily life. To listen with our heart, to contemplate our humanness so we can actively focus on humanity. We are invited to turn to God dwelling within us and consider how we can find light in the darkness and how we can be light to others. This resource provides opportunities for prayer, faith-sharing, and outreach in our local community. This resource will be available at the end of January.

RIP Chris Crowe

You may know that Chris Crowe passed away last Friday 6th January, in John Hunter Hospital. His family have requested that his Funeral be held on Friday 20th January at 3pm at Cooranbong. Meanwhile his wife Christine is in Wyong Hospital.

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY 2023:

This year as we hopefully begin to return to more normal life as a worshipping community, we are planning to hold regular "Formation" sessions for the various Ministries which help us worship as a community. Some of our Ministries are: Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Presenter of the Gifts, Welcomers, Audio Visual and Sound. Those who wish to learn more about any of these ministries and take up the job, now is your opportunity to do so. For those of us already actively involved in Ministry, it is an ideal opportunity to revise and upskill. I find it amazing that, each time I undergo formation, just what I missed last time. It is humbling at times to realise that I don't know everything- there is always more to learn. Isn't that just like normal life? We always learn, get deeper insights, as we grow older! OR perhaps we should! Once we have experienced the formation and learned from each other, we will have the opportunity to discern if this is what we wish to do, then when we are ready we will be Commissioned in that Ministry for a two year period, after which we will receive further formation.

ROSTERS:

To give us a bit of breathing room, February Rosters will roll over from previous list. March, hopefully we will begin the new Roster which will continue through this year. Please sign up for the new 2023 roster with the link below, or, ask for a hard copy which is available in the church. NB: one sign up per person, not one for family. It gets confusing!
[Rostered Ministries Sign-Up Form](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

Ash Wednesday officially begins the Season of Lent and the Easter Cycle on any date from February 4th to March 10, depending on the date of Easter. This year Ash Wednesday is 22nd February and Easter Sunday 9th April.

THE aMeN caMiNo PILGRIMAGE 2023

In recent years the Diocese has conducted the aMeN CaMiNo pilgrimage. The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. One of the days they come into Cooranbong where they are treated to hospitality. It is planned that in 2023 this event will take place in June 17-21, July 8-12 & August 5-9.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

World Day of Prayer 2023 will be celebrated Friday March 3rd. This year the focus is on Taiwan. More details as they become available.

THE YEAR THAT WAS-2022

You may remember that during 2022 our Parish was selected to participate in the National Church Life Survey. This Survey was able to provide highlights and a snapshot of Parish life. Hard copies were made available at the Sunday Mass, as well as distributed to those who receive the Weekly Bulletin electronically. At the time of the NCL Survey, Covid still had an influence on everyday life in the community.

Some of the results for our Church.

Those who attend Mass.

73% are female

27% are male

Frequent attenders (monthly or more)

92%

New attenders to the Parish in the last 5 years

31%

Attend via online services

24%

Have a responsibility to care for the environment.

94%

Generally the Church in Australia has been impacted by Covid. Statistics reveal that the number of people who now attend Church Nationally is about 50% pre-Covid. Morisset had about 200 attend Mass/Liturgy of a weekend pre Covid. Now the number is about 90.

NSW CEMETERY AND CREMETORIA-CCNSW

Another significant event that happened in 2022 was the overhaul of the CCNSW Legislation, and the operation and management of Cemeteries and Columbaria..

This overhaul has had a significant and major impact on some of our parishes in the Diocese. Fortunately our Cemetery and Columbarium at Cooranbong Church comply on all fronts with operation and management. Fr Greg Barker the Diocesan Administrator who presided at Mass at Cooranbong last Saturday evening was more than happy with the general care, maintenance and management of the Cemetery. This was Fr Greg's first visit to Cooranbong and he wanted it to be made known how impressed he was with the manner in which the site is maintained and operated. Severe penalties now apply for non compliance, with CCNSW Legislation.

Our Cemetery besides having to comply with CCNSW Legislation, also has the added responsibility to satisfy and comply with Canon Law (Cann1176-1185) regarding the burial of the deceased, and the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation, which was revised in 2016.

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION

If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, the Diocese App, Bank Account Name: CCF BSB: 062815 No: 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection or set up a direct debit arrangement (contact the parish office for this).

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2ND COLLECTION

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CCF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and your Giver Number or Surname, or you can use the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App. If you are considering taking up **planned giving** you may like to know that **a percentage of the contributions are tax deductible**. If you would like to know more on how planned giving works please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France M Shamley	P Melvey J Vipan
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	R McArdle H White	M Melvey K Lendon
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	H White Jo Patrick P Melvey A Dussin	F Dunn K Dunn A Walker G Walker
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	J France M Melvey
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan M Foo	U France D Joyce
<u>SOUND / VIDEO</u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France J France	L Hutchinson J France
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Andersen TBA	TBA TBA
<u>COVID TEAM</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Robertson P Melvey A Walker G Walker	K Lendon J France K Amon R Hay
<u>COVID CLEAN- ING</u>	5PM 9.30AM	All available Covid team members	All available Covid team members
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX B Hutcheson P Robertson	P Herbert B Herbert T Alexander

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding (ph: 4979 1390 or email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au), or visit their website for further information (www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINT ANTHONY— 17TH JANUARY
SAINT AGNES— 21ST JANUARY
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES— 24TH JANUARY
CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL— 25TH JANUARY
AUSTRALIA DAY— 26TH JANUARY
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS— 28TH JANUARY
SAINT JOHN BOSCO— 31ST JANUARY
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD— 2ND FEBRUARY
SAINT SCHOLASTICA— 10TH FEBRUARY
SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS— 14TH FEBRUARY

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

Peter Martyn, Brian Grogan, Fiona McAlinden, Stephen McKay, June Purcell, Jeremy McMullen, Harry Goldman, Koby Smith, Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, Bruce Gillett, John Francisco, Joan Gillett,

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



Recently Deceased: Tony Foo, Chris Crowe, Cardinal George Pell

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

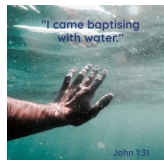
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at
www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 15 Jan 2023

The Introductory Rites

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as Australia's First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work and live. Our Parish of St John Vianney Morisset is located on the traditional lands of the Awabakal and Darkinjung people. We honour and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the spiritual culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one,
and strengthens us
by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.
We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, the Spirit of God rests on you: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the chosen one of God: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

God of peace,
your Holy Spirit rests on those who look to you.
Help us to welcome you into our hearts
so that we may do your will
and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. Why was it necessary for John to draw the crowd's attention to Jesus?

Q. What is meant by John's repeated declaration, 'I did not know him myself'?

Q. Why was it important to emphasise the message of salvation for all the world?

Q. Where do you see an 'us and them' attitude in the world (or your own community) today?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and sisters, as baptised children of God, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That our Pope, Bishops, Priests and Deacons
may continue to serve God by proclaiming
salvation to all corners of the earth.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments and leaders will make just
decisions for the poor and marginalised

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Pope Benedict XVI, who was entrusted
with the leadership and care of the Church,
may enter the joy of God's kingdom.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through the waters of Baptism, our parish
community will be strengthened by the Holy
Spirit as we minister to our brothers and sisters
in Christ.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, following Pope Francis' challenge, we will
strive to live in solidarity with the poor.

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the Lord will bless the sick with comfort
and healing, especially our community
members, friends and family.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever with
Christ, especially our community members,
friends and family.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, through the Holy Spirit you gave us your
Son; Christ the Lamb of God. Hear our prayers and
grant us courage to proclaim the good deeds of the
Chosen One of God. We ask this through Christ our
Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord be with us, and protect us, now and for ever..

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals,
replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse,
with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.
Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions
to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used
to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness,
respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.
Move us to assist those who experience violence and
abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse
responsible, encouraging them to change their
behaviour.

AMEN



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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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