



### **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A**

**22nd January, 2023**

*History is littered with examples of teachers who brought darkness into the world through their teachings, and the harsh and oppressive way they treated people. The teaching of Jesus was truly a source of light to all who accepted him, and of course still is .*

*We are called like the disciples of Jesus to witness to the Kingdom of God. In a world of darkness and despair, we are called to be a symbol of God's love, that is stronger than hatred.*

*May the celebration of Australia Day this coming Thursday 26th January, move us to heal the wounds of our past, and bring justice to our present.*

*May our missionary discipleship help bring about the transformation of the world.*



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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**SACRAMENTAL PRIEST:** Fr John Purnell  
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#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	21st January 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	22nd January 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Saturday	28th January 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	29th January 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	31st January 9.30am Mass— Morisset

**Tuesday Liturgies will resume on 31st Jan 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**

## Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in O/T Year A22nd Jan 2023

After the death of Herod the Holy Family returned to Nazareth, where Jesus' hidden life began. It was not a waste of time. During those 30 years, Jesus "increased in wisdom, in stature & in favour with God & men". (Lk2:40) & were no less important than the time of his public ministry.

Today, in Matthew's Gospel, we are told that when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been arrested, he returned to Galilee & settled in Capernaum by the sea.

Straight away he set about assembling his chosen disciples. The first ones were invited in pairs, including brothers from the same household.

Imagine the surprise of their parents when told that their sons weren't coming home that night because they had "dropped everything", literally, to go & follow Jesus! Mixed emotions must have surfaced immediately, in a similar fashion to that of a generation or two ago, when parents tried to cope with the sudden departure of their son(s) who eagerly signed up to go to war.

On face value, Jesus certainly does not appear to be a good planner! His choices included a hated Tax Collector, a freedom fighter, another who had taken to the study of the Torah & another who will later turn traitor, BUT, by preaching the reign of God, forgiveness, love & victory over sin, what he accomplished with these disciples is beyond imagining.

Jesus believed in a cause, the cause of his Heavenly Father. He was totally committed to it-to preach the reign of God - the reign of forgiveness, love, & victory over sin & the evil one. He was passionate about his work, but he didn't feel that he must do everything ALONE, so, after choosing his disciples, he proceeded to train them in HIS ways. He shared his vision & enthusiasm with them, worked on their weaknesses, understood & accepted their faults, & when the time was right he entrusted them with his own mission by reassuring them that they would succeed, simply because it was not theirs, but his & and GOD'S vision!

Jesus believed in the simple folk he had called; he gave them a vision larger than themselves & turned their simplicity & poverty into STRENGTH. After his mission on earth ended, the disciples went out to many parts of the world & preached the Good News about Jesus, the promised Messiah. Christianity spread to the THEN

Known world, even to the "last born" of the disciples, Paul, who had been actively persecuting the believers! Miracles do happen!

In EVERY AGE, the people of God must show Christ in all his fullness. So, right now, guess what? It's our turn! WE are called to continue his work, to try our best to imitate what he did for 30 years as the Carpenter's son & up to the end of his life on earth. Luckily, we don't have to imitate Moses & set up "a burnt sacrifice" each day!! We have been given the great gift of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, to guide & sustain us for this work.

So, let us carry the fire of God's love through our world for another year. The truth is, our most valuable resource is in each other!

Acts4:32, tells us that "the community of believers was of one mind & one heart" "May we learn to be "apostles of the open table", so that all will feel welcome & most of all, included.

If we listen to him He will speak.

If we obey him He will act.

If God acts, miracles will happen.

St Mary McKillop suggests that we "try to remember why God called us here."-Heather White

### WELCOME.

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

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

The eighth Bishop of the Diocese was Bishop William Wright. After the death of Bishop Bill in November 2021, Fr Greg Barker was appointed Administrator of the Diocese, a position that he still holds.

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](http://www.vianneymorisset.org.au)

### Thank You

Margaret Fowler and family, wish to express their deep thanks to the Community of SJV, for their support and care in their time of grief with the death of Les. Thank you all!

### **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.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Please be advised the Parish Office will be unattended from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Figuaro 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.

Fr Joseph has indicated that he would like to celebrate **Mass on Tuesday 31st January 9.30am at Morisset**, so that he could meet the parishioners. After Mass he would like to adjourn to the Callinan Centre for a 'conversation and cuppa'. School will also be back for 2023, and it will also be an opportunity for him to meet the school staff. Please bring a plate.

### **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!

Completed Forms may be placed in the box at the back of the Church.

### **Australia Day**

Next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, we will be celebrating Australia Day.

As Christian Australians, we can both celebrate the good things we love about our nation, as well as recognise the wounds that need to be healed in the land and its people. Let us remember that right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit.

For thousands of years the Aboriginal people have listened to the mystery of God, in and through their culture.

The great Portuguese explorers of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for '*Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo*', South Land of the Holy Spirit. We have a beautiful country and there is no doubt about the work that God has given you and me, the Church, to do.

It is time for us to grieve with our Indigenous brothers and sisters who are often left disadvantaged in so many ways. We should also acknowledge the ancient wisdom of their culture that values its relationship with the natural world, a culture that is tied to the care of the land and its flora and fauna.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

On the first Friday in March each year, people in over 170 countries, join in a service prepared by of a different country, to celebrate both unity in Christ and our diversity in culture. World Day of Prayer this year is Friday 3rd March. The host country for 2023 is Taiwan. More information from the local church hosting 2023 will be available shortly.

### **CATHOLIC CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS.**

**Lent.** The whole church goes on retreat for six weeks, about a month and a half after the Christmas season. It prepares for Easter and new life. Ash Wednesday officially begins Lent. (This year **22ND February**). While the emphasis today is on voluntary Lenten practices, direction still comes from the historical evolution of Lent with its emphasis on baptism, personal conversion, penance and the suffering and death of Jesus. A rather severe Lenten discipline of fasting and abstinence remained in force until 1966. The emphasis today is on positive aspects of discipline and good works.

### **From the Archives– Church Life**

- We are at a strategic or critical time in the life of the Church; not a time to panic, but to take stock and consider the future.
- We cannot keep doing what we have done in the past.
- We need a new clarity of vision and a new power of tactics.
- We need a shift in mentality and culture  
(*Observations by Bishop Mark Coleridge 2011*)

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

*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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)), or visit their website for further information ([www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)).*

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

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  
ASH WEDNESDAY— 22ND FEBRUARY  
SAINT POLYCARP— 23RD FEBRUARY

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

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

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

Maria Boscarì



### **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](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)







**SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE**  
**Third Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time Year A**  
**Sunday 22 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 a light to the nations: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you call us to leave our nets and follow you: Christ,  
have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have made our joy increase: 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 all peoples,  
you call each of us to follow you  
and build your kingdom on earth.  
Help us to see your light and hear your call  
so that we may walk together, united in your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

**All:**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

**Is 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

The word of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

### Second Reading

#### 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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 Matthew.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Mt 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled. Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

### Reflection on the Word

Q. Why does the arrest of John the Baptist appear to be the catalyst for Jesus to begin his ministry?

Q. Why is Isaiah so frequently quoted in the gospels?

Q. What is significant about the first disciples leaving their livelihoods and leaving their family?

Q. Where in your life is there a need to 'repent' – turn around; change your mind?

### 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: The Lord is our light and our help. Let us turn to God who hears our prayer.

Reader: That the holy Church will be a light in the darkness for all nations.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all people on earth be valued and respected, regardless of race, ethnicity and gender.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live their life in deep shadows will be filled with the light of Christ.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That countries at war will put differences aside and live in unity.

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who hear Christ's call to serve will leave their nets and follow him.

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. *[Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2023]*

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That the Lord will bless all the sick with strength and healing, especially those who are members of our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That all those who have died will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever, especially those who were members of our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Word, O God, has dawned upon us. Hear our prayers and unite us as we respond to Christ's call to discipleship. We ask this through Jesus, the 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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## Action

### How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse



• **Listen to, support, and believe** those who are experiencing violence and abuse.



• **Speak out** about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.



• **Publicise the support** available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.



• **Reflect together** on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.



• **Reject spiritual abuse** by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.



• **Connect with programs**, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.



• **Promote resources** on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.