



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land our parish encompasses, the Awabakal and Darkinjung 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

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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 email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door.

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:

Saturday 29th November 5pm Mass—Cooranbong Sunday 30th November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

> 2nd December 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Saturday 6th December 5pm Mass—Morisset

Sunday 7th December 9.30am

Mass—Morisset

Tuesday 9th December 9.30am

Mass-Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

...stay awake....

Well hopefully my reflection isn't boring this week, if the opening words are to stay awake. The first Sunday of Advent sees the start of the new liturgical year. This year we will be journeying through the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel was probably written between 80-90AD and presents Jesus as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy in his resurrection and in his mission to the world. What I most love about Matthew's Gospel are the hills and valleys ...where the hills represent Jesus' teaching on how to be a disciple (Beatitudes lived out on the cross on Calvary) and the valleys represent the challenges in being a disciple.

Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'. Our readings fit this theme with our First Reading from Isaiah. Written around seven centuries before Jesus' birth, Isaiah has this image of hope. For the people of Israel war was an everyday part of life (and sadly still is today). Isaiah foresaw an impending attack but, in his vision, there is a deep longing for peace. *Swords into ploughshares...* this can only occur with a change of heart to stop injustice, greed and idolatry and so prepare for the coming of the messiah.

Our Gospel today is one of Jesus warning his disciples to be prepared. The lack of concern of Noah's contemporaries reminds us not to be caught out. We need to be prepared in the sense that we know what God is expecting of us when Christ will come again. BE PREPARED AND STAY AWAKE is a reminder that this is not just another Advent. I don't know about you but this time of year I can tend to allow the annual habits to take over – oh it's that time again - Christmas shopping, Christmas parties. We celebrate Advent to refocus and get some excitement and preparation in.... This advent let us take time out from the usual and celebrate this time of year. Christ has come, into our world and Christ will come again. May he find us ready.

As we light the first candle this weekend of our Advent wreaths...we light the candle of hope! Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of the candle, we celebrate the hope we hold and the need to share that hope with others. <u>Happy Advent everyone</u>.

By the time you read this reflection, I will have had my surgery. Thanks for all the prayers and good wishes and I look forward to a speedy recovery and to be in action again soon.

Happy Advent everyone!

Fr Darryl PP

ADVENT

This Sunday we commence the Season of Advent, and the countdown to Christmas, and both of our churches are adorned with our Advent Lanterns.

The season of Advent lasts four weeks, and is a time of candlelight, reflection and expectation. It is a good time to reflect on the year just gone and the year ahead and how we can improve ourselves.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

Next Wednesday 3rd December at 7pm, our Parish will have the opportunity to participate, in a Christmas Liturgy of Reconciliation in the Morisset Church.

The primary function of any Christian Community is to be a group of people who accept others and help others accept themselves. The Christian church is called by God to be a community in which mutual acceptance and forgiveness is a reality.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

As in the past Christmas Eve Mass will be held at the Morisset Showground to allow for the expected larger than normal crowd, and availability of parking.

Christmas Eve-6pm-Showground.

Christmas Day, Mass 9.30am Morisset, 60 Yambo St. Thank you to the people who have volunteered for Christmas duties.

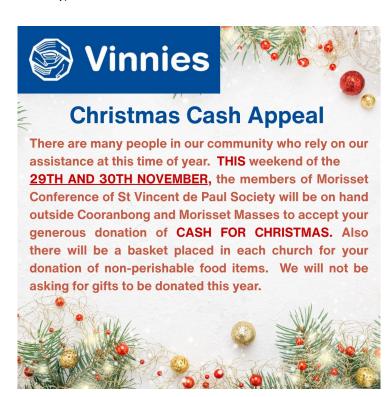
The Christmas 'sign up' sheet for liturgical ministries, and other 'to do' jobs will again be at the church this weekend for your consideration.

Do we have any children interested in a Christmas Pageant? Also do we have someone able to co-ordinate the children's pageant?

A 'Working Bee' to set up chairs and the stage for Christmas Eve Mass at the Showground will commence at 10am. A meeting to finalise Christmas Eve will be held in the Callinan Centre 7pm Friday 12th December. -All welcome.

FIVE SUNDAYS

The month of November has 5 Sundays. So, the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at Cooranbong at 5pm Saturday November 22nd (4th Sunday), and again at 5pm this Saturday November 29th (5th Sunday).



2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDERS

Are available for purchase for **\$11** each at the back of church please see one of the members from the Morisset Vinnies Conference

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas/New Year period. It will close 2pm Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December 2025 and will reopen 9am Monday 5th January 2026

THANK YOU FR JOHN PURNELL.

Thank you to Fr John Purnell, who has gifted our parish with a beautiful 'Balsam Hill' Christmas Tree. The tree has been assembled and is in the Morisset Church.

FR DARRYL AWAY

Fr Darryl will be taking some time off to have some surgery this week, which will then be followed by a couple of weeks of recovery.

Fr John Lovell, one of the retired priests has offered to assist Fr Peter and Fr John Purnell in the parishes while Fr Darryl is away. If all goes well, Fr Darryl will be back in the parishes by mid -December and ready for Christmas.

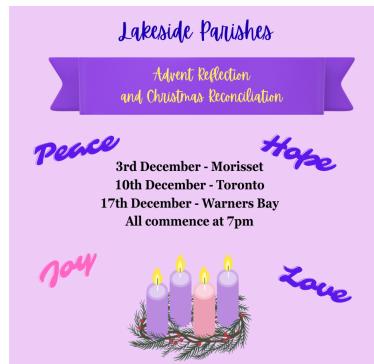
Fr Paul Kamau CSSp, is due to return from Kenya in the next couple of weeks.

TOWARDS 2026

As you are probably aware, because of the population growth in the area, Fr Darryl is considering how best to pastorally support the Catholics in the local district As of 2026 the following is proposed.

The Saturday Vigil to be 5pm each week at Cooranbong in 2026.

Should the monthly Mass proposed for Wyee Hall in 2026 be held Sunday morning, or Sunday evening. Parishioners are being consulted on this matter and are asked to complete the online survey at: https://forms.office.com/r/BW9FEjSmng.





LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 30 NOVEMBER 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish.

When adults use children as tools in conflicts—whether during divorce, family disputes, or community tensions - it is referred to as **weaponizing children** which is a **form of child abuse** causing deep, long-lasting harm. It places children in a position they are emotionally unequipped to handle. This can include pressuring a child to take sides, feeding them negative stories about the other party, encouraging them to spy, or making them responsible for an adult's emotional needs. Weaponizing children includes emotional manipulation and coercive control.

Such behaviour forces the child into a loyalty conflict, undermining their sense of safety and stability. Children depend on adults to create a secure environment where relationships are consistent and trustworthy. When they are turned into instruments of control, revenge, or manipulation, they are deprived of that security, leading to anxiety, guilt, depression, and difficulty forming healthy relationships.

When parents separate, their top priority should always be their children. Unfortunately, some are perfectly willing to "weaponize" the children against their co-parent. What does the weaponisation of children look like?

- Manipulative communications: Subtle (or not-so-subtle), negative comments by one parent about the other to damage how the children see the targeted parent.
- Alienation tactics: Blaming the targeted parent for the family's breakup or other hardships.
- False allegations: Making false allegations about child abuse, neglect, infidelity, violence, or coercive control.
- Undermining a co-parent's authority: One parent will purposefully undo their co-parent's decisions or disciplinary actions to be the "good" or "cool" parent.
- **Disneyland parenting**: This occurs when a non-custodial parent sweeps in for visitation with piles of presents and lots of fun things to do then ducks out whenever there's any actual parenting "work," like coping with their daily schedules, school issues and health concerns.

Parish volunteers needed to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word

All training and resources supplied. Contact morparish@mn. catholic.org.au or 4973 6859

Let's all contribute to the faith tife of young people.

Protecting children after separation sometimes means engaging in <u>child custody disputes</u> or re-evaluating a parenting plan. If you have **any** concerns about child abuse, contact:

Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocese Office of Safeguarding: (02) 4979 1390 Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

(02) 8219 3800 Email: reportableconduct@ocg.nsw.gov.au

WITH A LIGHT HEART

A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbour owes me \$500, and he won't pay up. What should I do?"

"Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer.

"Nup," replied the man.

"OK, then write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owes you," said the lawyer.

"But it's only \$500," replied the man.

Office of the Children's Guardian (NSW):

"Precisely. That will be his response and then you'll have your proof!"

2026 SISTERS OF FAITH DINNER

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West
This is a sell-out each year amongst the women in our faith communities. Our guest speaker will be Sr Helen-Anne Johnson from Mum's Cottage, Holmesville. Tickets are \$35 and on sale at the diocese website https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sisters-of-faith-2026-dinner/

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Our next Program will be held on at 7pm on Tuesday 9th December 2025. Please book your place at: https://forms.office.com/r/HRzVSryKVh or Email: morparish@mn.catholic.org.au or call 02 4973 6859.



SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the priest's monthly stipend, private health insurance and superannuation contribution. Please do so at Mass in the First Plate or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, or by Electronic Funds Transfer Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: SURNAME.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our parish operating costs. Please do so at Mass via the Second Plate, the Tap n Go machines or by Parish Electronic Funds Transfer the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG# + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page. Receipts can only be provided to those who are registered for planned giving.

If you would like to contribute via Direct Debit for either or both collections contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS			
		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
	5РМ	Mass	Mass
	9.30АМ	Mass	Mass
EUCHARISTIC	5РМ	U France	K Lendon
MINISTER	9.30АМ	R Hay	L Hutchinson
PROCLAIMERS:	5РМ	M Melvey	R Hay
	9.30АМ	J Vipan	G Whalen
PSALMIST:	5РМ	P Melvey	D Joyce
	9.30АМ	L McRae	S Mathew
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM	P Robertson	K Lendon
	9.30AM	H White	F & P Melluso
<u>SERVERS</u>	5РМ	J Foo	J Lawandos
	9.30АМ	L Hutchinson	V Paulo
<u>Av</u>	5РМ	D Peterson	E Lawandos
	9.30АМ	E Lawandos	D Peterson
WELCOMERS	5РМ	J France	Camerom Family
	9.30АМ	K Lendon	M Melvey
CHURCH	COOR	K Lendon	XXXX
CLEANIING	MOR	XXXX	R Hay
COUNTING		J Foo J Hutchins	M Fowler K Whalen





UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER (M) 3RD DEC SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE (OM) - 4TH DEC SAINT NICHOLAS (OM) - 6TH DEC

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S) - 8TH DEC

SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (OM) - 9TH DEC OUR LADY OF LORETO (OM) - 10TH DEC SAINT DAMASUS I (OM) - 11TH DEC OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (OM) - 12TH DEC

Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life threatening disease:

Jennene Mallett, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, Jayden Sanders, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

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

Recently Deceased: Antonio Fochefato





Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish supports The Diocese in its zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Every one of us must each day commit ourselves individually and collectively to safeguard each child and every vulnerable person to whom we interact with.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable person please contact the Office of Safeguarding Phone: 02 4979 1390 Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au,

or visit their website for further information: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

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

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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE First Sunday of Advent Year A Sunday 30 Nov 2025 The Introductory Rites Gathering

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

A short hymn might be sung.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

All

Amen.

GreetingLeader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ, who will come again in glory.

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.

In union with the whole Church,

we await the coming of the Lord.

Opening Rite LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

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

who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you ask us to stay awake and stand ready: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you came to gather all nations into eternal peace: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to the mountain of the Lord: 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:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

O Lord,

we do not know the hour or the day

that you will come again.

Make us ready for that day

and help us build your kingdom of peace on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations

and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!' (R.)

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans $\,$

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon — let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

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,

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: In this season of Advent, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and bring our needs before the God of our ancestors.

Reader: That the Church will stay awake and be ready when Christ comes to meet us. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations at war will put aside conflict and find peaceful resolutions. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live in the darkness of hunger, unemployment and homelessness will see a new day dawn. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this gathered community will clothe themselves in the deeds of Christ and prepare for his coming. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who are sick will have mercy and love shown to them, especially our loved ones and members of our community. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That everyone who has completed their earthly pilgrimage will enter the gates of the new Jerusalem, especially our loved ones and those close to us. To you we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Faithful God, rouse us from our sleep and strengthen us to prepare for Christ's coming. Hear our prayers that we may be ready to meet the coming of your new day.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

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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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