



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B SUNDAY 21 MARCH, 2021

This Lenten season invites us to explore the meaning of life — our lives here and now and our lives after death.

Today's Gospel scene is one many of us are familiar with, namely people weeping over the death of a loved one.

Jesus is at the center of that scene. He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadows of death.

In the raising of Lazarus, we are confronted with a crucial question that Jesus asked Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Faith isn't easy for us either. Death constitutes a severe test of our faith.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

| Foundation | Leader | In Office |
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| 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 & Juliet Hutchins | Sat & Sun Tues |

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

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If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

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| Sunday | 21st Mar 9.30am Mass— Morisset |
| Tuesday | 23rd Mar 9.30am Mass— Morisset |
| Thursday | 25th Mar 9.30am Mass— Morisset Annunciation of the Lord |
| Sunday | 28th Mar 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset |
| Tuesday | 30th Mar 9.30am Mass— Morisset |

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via the Eventbrite App or Website: <http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> .

If you don't have access to the App or the Internet call the Parish Office on 02 4973 6859 between 9am & 2pm Weekdays.

When you come to Mass or Liturgy please be aware that the **NSW Government requires you to check in** and asks that those who are able to check in with a QR code do so.

If you need help on how to Check in with a QR code please see Juliet Hutchins.

It is highly recommended that Face Masks should be worn in Places of Worship, on Public Transport, and those Carpooling.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537 .

REFLECTION FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent is that special time of the year when each of us is called on a journey, to re-pair, re-new, re-turn, re-cover. No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it is what Lent is all about. During Lent, the Gospel stories of surrender and new life surround us.

In today's Gospel, we see a scene which alas, many of us are familiar with, namely people crying over the death of a loved one. Of all the causes of tears, I think death is the chief culprit. I think that most of us would agree that grief is one of the strongest emotions we are ever likely to experience. Some are embarrassed by expressing their grief in public. The way to deal with grief is not to run away from it, or pretend it is not there, but to face it and work through it, with as much honesty and love as one can. It is natural and healthy, that people grieve when death robs them of a friend, or a family member. Jesus accompanied Martha and Mary on their journey and shared their grief. He also challenged Martha and Mary to have faith in him.

On this last Sunday in Lent, and as a lead into Holy Week, the story of Lazarus is given to us to help think about the tombs in which we may lie hidden, and the life to which we are called. We are also challenged to consider if we are alive, or living among the dead? Without realising it, we may, for better or worse, be taking on board the values and assumptions of our culture, were some of our patterns of thinking and behaving may not be life-giving at all. Jesus calls out to us, as he did to Lazarus "Come out". To come out of the tomb of whatever keeps us from living a free, productive, joy-filled life, such as addiction, anxiety, and despair

Christians today, like those in John's community, still face the great mystery of death, and struggle with the idea that all that we have, will somehow be lost, and abandoned to an unknown destiny that awaits us. In the Lazarus story Jesus shows that there is a life beyond the grave.

In the Mass of Christian Burial, the words of the Preface declare that in death "life is changed, not taken away" Death is a passage or a transition, not a terminal experience. This does not mean there is no pain or sorrow or wrenching separation at death. But, if we truly accept Jesus at his word, and if we truly understand Lazarus' story as the story of us all, then there will arise in us hope and trust that will see us through that passage with strength and assurance.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Faith must be renewed and refreshed again and again. God does not give us faith by dictating abstract truths, God revealed himself in history by entering into it with us."

Next week we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday which leads us into Holy Week.

Holy Week is our invitation to enter more deeply into the life of Christ, which is our own life and vocation from birth and baptism.

Jesus is in the world through us. If we do not imitate him, our world will not know Easter. John France

KINDERGARTEN 2022 SCHOOL TOUR AND INFORMATION NIGHT

Will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at our Parish School St John Vianney Primary School 60-66 Yambo Street Morisset, for parents wishing to enrol their child / children for Kindergarten 2022. The Tour starts at 6.30pm and the Information Session starts at 7pm. For further information and to book your place please contact the school office on 02 4973 4073.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC EVENT: WHERE ARE WE UP TO?

On March 1, we received our updated Instruction No 14 from the Diocese. And we are grateful to our Vicar General for taking the time to read the Health Department Instructions and sending out the pertinent facts to us.

What applies to us here in Morisset is that:

1. Nothing much has changed because of our building size and the state of the furniture.
2. Distribution of Communion is still restricted to the Presider unless the numbers warrant it and that social distancing can be observed.
3. Because of the increased infection risk, Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue.
4. The Public Health Order requires any person entering a place of public worship to provide specified information to the "occupier of the premises", i.e., to the Parish via their authorised representative. The Order requires the "occupier of the premises" must ensure that there is a person who is responsible for ensuring the specified information is collected. This may require someone to be 'on duty' at the church door to ensure compliance with the provision of the specified information.
5. It is **strongly** recommended that parishes make use of the Service NSW QR Code.
6. Hymnals, bulletins, orders of service, collection plates, and other objects are not to be handed from one person to another.
7. For indoor religious services, members of the congregation should not participate in singing unless:
 - The capacity of the church is determined based on one person per 4 square metres (the 'four-square-metre rule').
 - Anyone 12 years and older wears a mask unless exempt.
8. At this time The Bishop's dispensation to the lay faithful from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect.

It is therefore strongly recommended that assemblies not return to congregational singing at this point in time.

This is our Covid-19 Plan and we will be following this until our instructions change. From the Parish Leadership Team.

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



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

A NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR CATHOLIC MISSION

A new Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission has been appointed in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese and he has already begun meeting with church leaders.

After an informal chat with Vicar General Fr Andrew Doohan and Chancellor Fr Matthew

Having served as the Diocesan Director in the Brisbane Archdiocese for the past 12 years, David is happy to dialogue with priests, school leaders, teachers, parishioners and other supporters about the work of Catholic Mission, both here in Australia and around the world.

Catholic Mission is the Pope's international mission agency, responsible for forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith, in action and through prayer.

"We share in God's mission to reach out and give life," David said, on the eve of taking up the role made vacant by the retirement of Mark Toohey.

The Catholic Mission mandate is to 'give life' by encouraging others to share their personal and financial resources to:

- proclaim the Gospel
- serve people in need
- act for peace, justice and creation.

"This can only happen in partnership with local churches, schools and other supporters, so that all may have life in Christ," David said.

To contact David, about any aspect of the work or operations of Catholic Mission in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese, please call him on his mobile on 0431 481 731 or send an email to dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au

EASTER CEREMONIES FOR THE PARISH:

This year we will be celebrating the Easter Triduum at Morisset with the assistance of Fr Kevin as President.

This means that we will have:

- 1 Holy Thursday- the Mass of the Lord's Supper -1 April @ 7.00 pm
- 2 Good Friday- Service 2 April @ 3.00pm
- 3 Easter Vigil- Mass 3 April @ 7.30pm
- 4 Easter Sunday Mass 4 April @ 9.30am

To be able to successfully run these services we will need help. If you will be available for ministry and Covid duties during Holy Week, could you please complete the form as soon as possible at the link on the parish website : <https://www.vianneymorisset.org/> or you can call the **Parish Office** .

SOCIAL JUSTICE ART WORKSHOP – EXHIBITION

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE 2020-2021 STATEMENT, TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL:

Mental health in Australia today, provides the opportunity to better understand mental illness and how as social beings we need the bonds of family, friends and the broader community to celebrate the joys and hopes of life.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres. Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement must accompany the work and be emailed through to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au before June 19.

Please join us for a day of prayer, reflection and art making. \$10 cost covers all art materials used on the day. Participants will need to bring their own lunch on the day. Artworks will become part of the Social Justice art exhibition/competition held on July 17 at the Veritas Centre Mayfield.

Dates:

Wednesday April 28, 9.30am-2.30pm: St Columban's Hall, Church St, Mayfield

Thursday April 29, 9.30am-2.30pm: Catholic Parish Office, Unit 5/16 Cambridge St, Singleton

Friday April 30, 9.30am-2.30pm: Community Centre St Joseph's Parish Kilaben Bay, 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

Monday May 3, 9.30am-2.30pm: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 33 Lake St, Forster

To register to go: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/social-justice-art-workshop-tickets-145391039513>

For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to lent.caritas.org.au.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS PREFERRED

NSW Health deems cash a COVID-19 transmission hazard and we have been asked by the NSW Government to encourage parishioners to contribute to the collections and planned giving electronically online Electronic payments can be made at: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/> Alternatively you can directly deposit into our bank account, Account Name: CDF 5004 Morisset Parish BSB: 062815 Account Number: 00328161. If you are a Planned Giver you need to put your giver number in the payment reference.

MARCH AURORA

Copies of the March Aurora are available at the back of the Church or alternately you can view it online at: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/>

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

- THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD— 25TH MARCH
- PALM SUNDAY— 28TH MARCH
- THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER— 1ST APRIL
- FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD— 2ND APRIL
- PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT— 3RD APRIL
- SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION— 4TH APRIL
- SAINT MARK— 26TH APRIL
- SAINT PETER CHANEL— 28TH APRIL
- SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA— 29TH APRIL

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

Michelle Clipsham, Mark Patrick, Fr Geoff Mulhearn, Fr Glen Baker, Colin Aspinall, Fr Paul O'Neill, Helen Martin, Therese Strategos, Bill Eckersley, Bruce Gillett, Joan Gillett, Sophie L. Bird, Robert Jay.



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

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.



| <u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u> | | | |
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| | | <u>THIS WEEK</u> | <u>NEXT WEEK</u> |
| <u>Presiders</u> | 9.30 | Mass | J France |
| <u>PROCLAIMER:</u> | 9.30 | R Hay | M Shamley |
| <u>PSALMIST:</u> | 9.30 | H White | J Shamley |
| <u>SERVERS</u> | 9.30 | V Paulo | XXXX |
| <u>AV:</u> | 9.30 | T Alexander | U France |
| <u>SOUND/VIDEO:</u> | 9.30 | J France | G Hutchinson L Hutchinson |
| <u>SIGN IN</u> | 9.30 | P Melvey | J Hutchins |
| <u>TEMPERATURE</u> | 9.30 | K Lendon | M Foo |
| <u>USHER</u> | 9.30 | K Amon | J Douglas |
| <u>CLEANERS</u> | 9.30 | COVID-19 Safety Team | COVID-19 Safety Team |





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 21 Mar 2021

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.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be God
who has reconciled us through Christ
and renews us by his grace.

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 call upon the mercy of the Lord
in this season of repentance and renewal.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you draw all to deepest life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you submitted humbly to death: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal salvation: 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.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this

man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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.

Q. How does the Jeremiah image of God's Law 'written on our hearts' challenge you?

Q. What experiences in your own life prove the truth of the image of the grain of wheat that must die?

Q. How can good come from hurt and pain?

Q. What do you need to 'let go of' in your life to really flourish and 'produce a harvest'?

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the Church of Maitland-Newcastle is centred on Christ, the cornerstone of our faith, and seeks always to live as a community of people who educate and form. Let us make our prayers before the Lord, who saves us from all sin.

Reader: That the Church will follow Christ's path of service and self-sacrifice.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will have the strength and courage to always live our faith through communal and personal service to one another and our society

(pause)

To God we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will seek peace and reconciliation.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will continue to work for peace and be the welcoming face of our God to all who seek refuge, especially the women, children and men displaced by conflict.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the cries of those who suffer poverty and homelessness will be heard by those who have plenty.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will have the strength and courage to be joyful and grateful disciples, bringing others to Jesus in the embrace of his community.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick, including those in our community and families, along with those who care for them, will be drawn into the loving embrace of Christ.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will serve Christ by our Lenten prayer, fasting and good works.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the dead will be raised to eternal life, including those in our community and families.

(pause)

To God we pray:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the covenant, guide our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Hear our prayers and help us to remain free from sin and committed to Jesus through your eternal covenant. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:Amen.

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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 bless us
in all things through Christ
so that we may work together
in loving service.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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