



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



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.

PLAM SUNDAY YEAR C SUNDAY 13 APRIL 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	12th April 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	13th April 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	15th April 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Wednesday	16th April 7pm Lenten Reflection and Reconciliation—Morisset
Thursday	17th April 7pm Holy Thursday— Morisset
Friday	18th April 3pm Good Friday—Morisset
Saturday	19th April 6pm Easter Vigil—Morisset
Sunday	20th April 9.30am Easter Sunday—Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we reflected on the images of God through Jesus, Emmanuel God with us. The God who walks with us even through the tough times; the loving father willing to love his children at all costs; God who longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God and from last Sunday God who looks up at us and not down, who gives life, life to the fullest. We do this each Lent because if we are made in the image and likeness of God then we should do the same.

As the 40 days of Lent are coming to an end, we enter the holiest time in the Church's year, the Easter Triduum, one celebration over three days because each day helps us to make sense of the whole Easter event, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, without Jesus' death, the Resurrection doesn't make sense. The Lenten journey always begins with the placing of ashes on our forehead, ashes made from the burning of last year's palms. We are also challenged by the words of Matthew's Gospel that during this period we are to enter into a time of deeper love of God, neighbour and self through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

On Palm Sunday we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is the fulfilment of the prophecy. The people and the scattered palms and cloaks represent us - ordinary people, living life as best we can. They were looking for hope, to be lifted up as they see it, for the coming of the political Messiah who would re-establish the Jewish people after the Roman occupancy. Jesus is not a conqueror but a liberator but that will make sense later. For Jesus, it is the culmination of his life and ministry that will lead to his death. But we know that's not the end of the story.

Throughout this week there will be opportunities to enter deeply into the events of the passion and death of Jesus.

On Tuesday, the bishop will gather with the priests and people of the Diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass (7pm Sacred Heart Cathedral). At this Mass, the holy oils will be blessed and consecrated for use throughout the year; and the priests will renew their priestly promises made at ordination. Keep us always in your prayers, as we pray for our parish families always.

On Wednesday evening we will hold our last Lenten reflection with Reconciliation (7pm St John Vianney Morisset).

On Thursday night, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist with its missionary mandate in the washing of the feet that we must do for others. On Good Friday, we recall the last moments of Jesus through the reading of the Passion, we reverence the Cross and on this holiest day of intercession we pray for the needs of our world, our Church, our families and ourselves. And then we wait.

Next weekend we will renew our baptismal promises having entered into this Lenten journey. Let's reflect this week – on how have I used this time? Do I feel closer to God? Do I feel I've reached out to others? Have I looked after myself or thought about how I could? This is the call of what it means to be baptised. You know it's not too late....

Have a blessed week everyone....

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

Welcome

Welcome to all the visitors to our Parish of St John Vianney during the Easter season. The Parish of St John Vianney Morisset, was officially formed in 1947, however our Mass centre of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong, dates to the 1860's. The present Cooranbong Church celebrated its centenary in August 2006, and 150 years of Catholic presence in the area was celebrated in 2011. It is documented that Saint Mary McKillop visited Cooranbong where she had a convent school. Up until 1966 St John Vianney Parish was part of the Diocese of Sydney, but now it is part of the Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle, with Bishop Michael Kennedy as Bishop. The Morisset Church is 'Looped' for those with hearing difficulties. -Switch your hearing aids to the 'T' setting. The 9.30am Mass at Morisset is recorded each Sunday and uploaded to the Parish Website and Facebook later in the day, - internet allowing. This allows people in nursing facilities and those away from the parish for whatever reason, to keep 'in touch' with the parish.

Holy Week/Easter Times

Tuesday: Mass Morisset 9.30am:

Tuesday: The Cathedral- Chrism Mass 7pm.

Wednesday: Reconciliation 7pm Morisset.

Holy Thursday: Mass Morisset 7pm

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lords Passion.3pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 6pm.

Easter Sunday: Mass Morisset 9.30am.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 appeal.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Chrism Mass

This coming Tuesday evening at 7pm, the Chrism Mass, one of the most significant events on the Liturgical Calendar will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. At this mass, the bishop gathers with the priests and all the faithful to bless the oils that

are going to be used in the ministry of various sacraments throughout the year from Easter to Easter.

There are three oils blessed at the Chrism Mass - the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism. Parishes send representatives who collect the oils and present them to the bishop for blessing and consecration. These oils are then taken back to their parishes where they are received at mass on Holy Thursday night.

Way of the Cross

Last Sunday 6th April people from across the Diocese gathered on the grounds of St Joseph's Toronto for the annual Diocesan Way of the Cross. This site in the bush has been the place where each year since 2007 the Diocesan Stations of the Cross has taken place.

Afterwards people gathered for a 'cuppa and chat.' Thank you to the parishioners who assisted in supplying sandwiches and cakes for the afternoon tea.

Good Friday.

The origin of the term 'Good' in the title of this day is unknown but probably emphasizes the saving value of this historical event of the crucifixion of Jesus. Another theory is a corruption of 'Gods Friday'. The theme of this day throughout history, has been one of quiet sadness and mourning, for the crucified Christ. The church's Good Friday liturgy takes place in the afternoon or evening hours.

Easter Reconciliation

Lent is a time to examine our ways, repent our failings and imitate God's love and mercy. The season culminates in the Easter liturgies, the Triduum, as the church recalls the paschal mystery. With hope and grace, we welcome this season of repentance and renewal. Everyone is invited to make the Journey together.

There will be an opportunity for **Reconciliation this-Wednesday 16th April 7pm Morisset Church. Five priests will be in attendance**

Parish Assembly-(Save the Date)

A Parish Pastoral Assembly, to which all parishioners are invited, will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th June. A Parish Pastoral Assembly is a body of faith-filled parishioners and the ordained, through which everyone works together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in our Parish.

From this Assembly, a Pastoral Plan will be developed. This Plan is a set of goals and objectives embraced through a process of shared decision-making, which will direct the parish in its activities and decisions for the next 12 months.

Extraordinary Ministers

At the Extraordinary Ministers workshop, Fr Paul explained to those who attended, the pending changes to the distribution of Holy Communion.

When Covid restrictions were introduced, only the Priest distributed Holy Communion at Mass. This practice has continued in our Parish up until the present time. Now that restrictions have been lifted, it is proposed to reintroduce Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. This will mean that there will be a change in the way Holy Communion is distributed at Mass.

We will now be returning to moving out of the pews to come down the centre aisle, receive the body of Christ at the foot of the sanctuary, then move to the chalice at each side of the sanctuary, and return to our pew via the side aisle.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/morisset-catholic-parish-2264>

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Confirmation

Bishop Michael Kennedy, will visit our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening 25th July 2025.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC will meet after the 9.30am Mass Tuesday 22nd April.

Anzac Day

On Friday 25th April, we commemorate Anzac Day. We pay grateful respects to those who sacrificed their own lives for others, for our country, and ultimately for the sake of a better world. We remember the pain of those who grieved their deaths and whose lives were changed forever by their wounding.

Anzac Day is not a celebration of the heroics of war. We cannot remain indifferent to the effects of war such as innocent deaths, injuries, and refugees dislocated from their homeland.

To help commemorate Anzac Day, Mass will be celebrated in the Morisset Church 9.30am.

With A Light Heart

In Italy, what do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.

In Australia, what do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A stick.

In Germany, why do they never play hide and seek? Because good luck hiding when everyone's so efficient

In Egypt, what did the Pharaoh say when he saw the pyramid? "Mummy's home!"

In Japan, why don't sushi chefs ever get into arguments? Because they always roll with it.

In the UK, what do you call a singing computer? A Dell.

In Brazil, why did the soccer player bring string to the game? So, he could tie the score.

In Mexico, why don't people keep secrets well? Because everyone loves to taco 'bout everything.

In South Africa, what do you call a wound-up antelope? A Springbok.

In Ireland, why are leprechauns so hard to get along with? Because they're a little green with envy.

In Antarctica, what do penguins wear to the beach? A beak-ini.

Good Friday – Holy Land Collection

Providing critical support for the Christian community in the Holy Land and enabling them to continue to maintain the Holy Places of significance.

The Holy Places have a special value for Christians, and the upkeep of them relies on your generous support.

Christian communities of diverse traditions have safeguarded the Holy Places since the time of Jesus, and the Friars Minor of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land continue to care for them with admirable fidelity.

Due to the effect of the Pandemic and now the war in the Holy Land, the year's collection becomes an essential resource in enabling the Christian community in the Holy Land to survive and continue to be an invaluable witness to Christ in the land of Jesus' birth.

Please give generously to ensure the survival of the Christian community and the sacred sites in the Holy Land.

Baptism Preparation

If you are seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register your interest to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/HRzVSryKVh>

Art and Spirituality Days

We will be hosting two Art and Spirituality Days in 2025 on Friday 4 April and Friday 12 September at the Kilaben Bay Community Centre (140 Wangi Road, Kilaben Bay). Participants will engage in art-making experiences that will nourish their faith. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

Registration at :

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1235249708129>

For further information contact Rose McAllister on rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April 2025

That the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Diocesan Local Churches Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pastoral Ministry, Mission and Evangelising Partner, is organising the Jubilee Pilgrimage throughout the Diocese. Our parish is scheduled for:

Saturday 17th May

St Brigid's and St Patrick's, Cooranbong

1.00pm - Formation/Prayer - BYO lunch Picnic lunch on the grounds - Tea and Coffee hosted by the parish. More information will be provided closer to the event

Discover what makes St John Vianney Primary School special

During our recent visit to St John Vianney Primary School, Morisset, we had the pleasure of speaking with Principal Mark and Assistant Principal Christine about what makes their school community so unique. [Watch Now](#)

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, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection & SURNAME or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

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 our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page. 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 or set up planned giving 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 Parkins L McRae	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson P Melvey	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Robertson K Amon	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Foo R Lawandos	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France T Alexander	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon A Walker G Walker	Refer to Holy Week Rosters
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	K Lendon A Walker G Walker	XXXX D Whitten B Hutcheson

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

PALM SUNDAY— 13TH APR
 THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER— 17TH APRIL
 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—18TH APRIL
 PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT –19TH APRIL
 SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION— 20TH APRIL
 SAINT PETER CHANEL (M) - 28TH APRIL
 SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (M) - 29TH APRIL
 SAINT PIUS V (OM) - 30TH APRIL
 SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER (OM) - 1ST MAY
 SAINT ATHANASIUS (M) - 2ND MAY

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

Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, 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: Robert Christopher Ternes
 Remembrance: John Tome



ANOINTING MASS
09:30AM, THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2025
 AT
ST MARY’S, WARNERS BAY
PLEASE NOTE: MORNING TEA WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE MASS

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

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LITURGY MATTERS: Don't forget to sing!

"One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song". (Musicam Sacram, 1967, n.16).

With the Chrism Mass fast approaching – 15 April – just next week, I thought I would write about what I hear people say about this wonderful celebration in our diocesan community. When asked, many people highlight the music and singing at this Mass as the thing they remember the most. That is not to say they don't appreciate the rest of the elements of the liturgy, it is just that music is a language that connects us all. I, myself, often leave Mass with an earworm of one the hymns sung. Why is singing so important to connect us with an experience?

Following on from last week's article Music and memories, singing in groups, such as in choirs, has been the focus of extensive research in psychology and neuroscience due to its profound effects on wellbeing. Studies suggest that singing with others such as in a choir fosters social cohesion, enhances mood regulation, and reduces stress. Moreover, singing with choirs has been linked to improvements in cognitive function, memory, and emotional resilience. It creates a shared experience that strengthens interpersonal connections and reinforces a sense of belonging within a community. On a side note, physiologically, group singing may contribute to cardiovascular health, reducing blood pressure and enhancing respiratory efficiency.

Singing is deeply rooted in human expression, transcending mere performance, and it's not about flawless execution but about the act of sharing. Many cultures view singing as communal rather than performative—an act of shared storytelling, celebration, and emotional expression is where the beauty of singing lies. Important to note that singing at Mass should never be a performance. Singing carries emotion, history, and connection, serving as a bridge between individuals and communities. It's a gift, passed between all those who sing together. Whether it's the lullaby that calms a restless child, the anthem that unites a nation, or the choir harmonizing in a sacred space such as our cathedral, singing has the power to anchor us in the present while honouring the past, forging bonds and evoking collective emotions, shaping culture and personal experiences alike.

Unfortunately, though, singing is too often treated as a skill, a fixed attribute that someone was born with, rather than a learned ability. The idea that musical talent is reserved for a select few has long been challenged by educators, researchers, and musicians who emphasize the role of training, practice, and environment in developing musical ability. For example, Dr. Shinichi Suzuki's philosophy of talent development, particularly in music, beautifully mirrors how humans acquire language—through immersion, repetition, and encouragement. He removed the misconception that only the "naturally gifted" can succeed in music, and empowered countless learners to develop their skills with patience and support.

Imagine the difference between a child told they "can't sing" versus one who is encouraged to explore their voice. The former may shy away from ever trying again, while the latter gains the courage to practice, improve, and express themselves. This support and encouragement foster resilience, creativity, and joy. It reminds us that mistakes are part of learning, and that perseverance leads to growth. Shifting the perspective from "talent" to "ability" opens doors for people to rediscover their voices without fear of judgment.

Just as a child learns to speak by listening, imitating, and refining over time, singing follows a similar path. Vocal control, pitch accuracy, and tonal warmth are all trainable aspects rather than innate gifts. As with learning a physical musical instrument, I guarantee you that a child isn't born just knowing how to play the violin, piano, oboe, drum kit, guitar and so on.

And so here we are, about to come together to celebrate the Chrism Mass. A time to bring a little light to Holy Week. With Holy Week being a deeply significant time for our Church, with each day carrying profound meaning. From Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem, to the evening of Holy Thursday. Many observe this period with prayer, fasting, and reflection. However, on Tuesday night, 15 April, at 7.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral when the people are gathered, we will celebrate the blessing and consecrating of the sacred oils —Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick—a reminder of how deeply the sacraments touch every stage of a Christian's life. The unity of priests with their bishop in this Mass also highlights the strength of the Church's mission and ministry. And the 'little light' that shines clearly is the way singing at this Mass draws the assembly in and opens hearts to a enable full, conscious and active participation.

By Fiona Duque 8th April 2025

Minimum wage rise needed to keep Australians out of poverty

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has lodged a submission to the Fair Work Commission's annual wage review, advocating for a 4.5 per cent rise to the national minimum wage.

To read more go to: [Minimum wage rise needed to keep Australians out of poverty - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

ANZAC DAY MASS TIMES

25 APRIL 2025

9:30AM - ST JOSEPH'S
TORONTO

9:30AM - ST JOHN VIANNEY
MORISSET

9:30AM - ST MARY'S
WARNERS BAY

LEST
WE
FORGET

Pilgrimage Sites

Our Jubilee Year is now well underway. It started with an incredible Pilgrimage of Hope from Nobby's Beach to Sacred Heart Cathedral where we celebrated Mass before enjoying a fun festival full of family activities.

Now, we invite you to journey beyond and go on our Pilgrimage through our Diocese! Our eight sites are open and ready for you. See the list below for their opening times.

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

Tuesday 8:15 AM: Mass

Wednesday 8:15 AM: Mass

Thursday 8:15 AM- Vesper- 1st Thursday of each month 5.00pm. 3 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November

Friday 11:00 AM: Reconciliation 12:05 PM: Mass

Saturday 9:15 AM: Mass (followed by Novena) 5:30 PM: Mass

Sunday 9:30 AM: Mass 11:30 AM: Polish Mass 5:00 PM: Mass

Monday 8:15 AM: Mass

St Mary Star of the Sea, Newcastle

Sunday 7.30AM: Mass

During May- 11am- Noon- Marian Prayer and Reflect

St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland

Wednesday's 2nd and 4th of the month- 9.00AM- 4.00PM

St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tuesday 9.30AM- 10.30AM Private Adoration Mass open from 5:00PM- 7.00PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM: Mass

Thursday [6.30AM Rosary](#) 7:00 AM: Mass 9.30am - 10.30am Private Adoration

Friday 6.30AM Rosary 7:00 AM – 9.00AM Mass and Private Adoration

1st Friday of the Month: 24 hour Private Adoration

Saturday 8:00 AM: Mass (includes Reconciliation)

Saturday 5:00 PM: Mass

2nd Saturday's: 8.00AM Mass followed by Marian Holy Hour, Benediction & Reconciliation

12th April, 10 May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December

Sunday 8.30AM & 6.00PM

Monday 9.30AM- 10.30AM Private Adoration

St Joseph's, Murrurundi

Saturday 5:00 PM: Mass

To visit outside Mass times, contact these parishioners who all live in the same street as the church. (It helps you and them to ring ahead.):

Gerard or Lindy Howard 0409400824

Karen Kimpton 0432277591

Gemma Metzker 0414461165

Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace, Scone

The Church is open every day sunrise to sunset when Father Graham is onsite

Tuesday 9:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday 10:00 AM (Rosary at 9:45 am)

Friday 9:15 AM: Mass during School Term OR 9:00 AM School Holidays.

Saturday 9:00 AM: Mass. Reconciliations 9:30AM to 10:15 AM

Sunday 9:00 AM: Mass

Sunday 4:00 PM: Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliations 4:00PM to 4:45PM during Exposition

Sunday 5:00 PM: Mass

Saints Patrick & Brigid, Cooranbong

Saturday 5:00 PM: Mass (2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree

Tuesday 4.30pm: Reconciliation 5.30pm: Mass

Wednesday 9.30am: Mass (2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of the month)

Friday 9.00am: Adoration 9.30am: Mass

Saturday 5.30pm: Mass

Sunday 9.30am: Mass

New encounters and new hope

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts..."

There is something amazing about a gathering of a hundred or so people who willingly, on a sunny Sunday afternoon, choose to walk with each other and to share their personal stories of hope, faith, and possibility.

On Sunday 6 April, people from across our Diocese, gathered on the grounds of St Joseph's, Toronto, to walk the Way of the Cross and reflect on the words of Pope Francis from his letter, "Hope does not disappoint." Accompanied by Bishop Michael, the faithful community listened to the Gospel proclaimed at each station and Francis' words on hope and the potential for transformation in our own lives and the communities in which we live. Between stations, pilgrims shared their own stories with each other, responding to questions like, "What gives my life meaning?" "How might we work together for the transformation of our local community?" and "What does it mean to belong to God's family?"

It was an afternoon of genuine encounters as participants delighted in the opportunity to linger after the event over cakes and cuppas to continue sharing and meeting new people. As part of our Diocesan offerings for the Jubilee Year, this pilgrimage experience continued the message of hope and renewal that began at our Launch in early March.

Kevin, a parishioner from St Brigid's Raymond Terrace, attending the Way of the Cross for the first time, shared "There's a blessing that seems to come with being a part of doing something as a church... I can go away and I'll be smiling still tonight."

Another first-time participant, Gilienne from St Joseph's Toronto, appreciated "the spirituality of the occasion, connecting with people from other parishes, as well as the beautiful surroundings."

In his reflection at Station 12, 'Jesus dies on the Cross,' Bishop Michael spoke into the realities of everyday hardships, and encouraged participants to understand our own trials in light of the profound love of Jesus revealed on the cross – a love that sustains hope even in the darkest of life's experiences. It is this hope that we are called to share with the world around us.

There are more opportunities to engage with Jubilee Year activities across our Diocese. On the weekend of 17-19 May, you are invited to take part in the Local Churches Pilgrimage. On 31 May, come and see the Jubilee Art Exhibition at San Clemente Catholic College. For more information and to register for these events, visit our new Diocesan website: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/about/jubilee-year-2025/>

**WESTLAKES
EASTER
MASS TIMES
2025**

HOLY THURSDAY: 17 APRIL 2025
6.00PM ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO
6.30PM ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY
7.00PM ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

GOOD FRIDAY: 18 APRIL 2025
10.00AM - (STATIONS) OUR LADY HELP OF
CHRISTIANS' CHURCH, BOOLAROO
3.00PM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY
3.00PM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO
3.00PM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL: 19 APRIL 2025
6.00PM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO
6.30PM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY
6.00PM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET

EASTER SUNDAY: 20 APRIL 2025
8.00AM - ST MARY'S WARNERS BAY
9.00AM - ST JOSEPH'S TORONTO
9.30AM - ST JOHN VIANNEY MORISSET
10.00AM - ST MICHAEL'S BOORAGUL



SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Palm Sunday Year C Sunday 13 Apr 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.

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.
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

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you made no resistance, nor did you turn away: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself even to accepting death on a cross: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you rose to life on the third day: 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.

Almighty God
Your Son, Jesus, was welcomed as a king
but suffered and carried a cross.
As we begin this Holy Week,
help us draw close to Jesus
and place our lives in his hands.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me

a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied

he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,

to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,

yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are,

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Luke 23:1-49

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and

rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

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,**

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, let us make our prayers before God, the Father of our Saviour.

Reader: That through compassion and self-giving, the Holy Church will follow the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ during Holy Week. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are unjustly condemned may live in the truth, and trust in the hope that they are favoured in the Lord's eyes. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians may embrace the sacredness of Holy Week with a commitment to repent of their sins and strive for true holiness in Christ. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, through our support of Project Compassion, young people in developing nations will be able to access education in order to build a better future for themselves and for future generations. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be treated with care and compassion, and that health care workers will be supported in their vocation. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever with Christ Jesus. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, you gave us your Son as life for the world. Hear our prayers and help us unite ourselves with the Passion of your Son and so rise to new life with you. 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 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.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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