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#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

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#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:**

Saturday 22nd November 5pm Mass—Cooranbong Sunday 23rd November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Mass—Monsset

Tuesday 25th November 9.30am

Mass—Morisset 29th November 5pm

Saturday 29th November 5pm Mass—Cooranbong

> 30th November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am

Mass—Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

...may your kingdom come....

The feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the year long journey through the Gospel of Luke. Did you know that the Feast of Christ the King wasn't instituted into the Church until 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Why then? From history at school we learnt that there used to be many large empires and monarchies. Over time there were the rise and falls of royal households such as Germany and Russia which led to the First World War. After the war with rising secularism and atheism happening, Pope Pius' intention was to counteract these by declaring the majesty and the power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the World.

Now when we think of Kings/Queens all sorts of images come to mind. For most of us it's the English royal family to which we belong to in this Commonwealth. The same family that hasn't always had the best history or been the best examples. During my recent visit to London, I got to visit Buckingham Palace ...wow it is very grand! Did you know it has 775 bedrooms? It was very hard to not comment that it would make a great hostel, especially given the King and Queen are not living in it and there were so many people living on the streets with London's housing crisis. If it was only that easy. Ok! There's some Scottish rebellion in me. But is this the image of kingship that our readings portray.

In our first reading, David had come a long way from tending sheep and playing on the harp. Having killed the giant Goliath and proved himself in battle, it became difficult for the current King Saul to not be nervous at his success and popularity. When Saul dies, David is declared King of the south but as we hear in the readings today, with an agreement with those in the north, David is finally declared the King of all of Israel. He united the kingdoms. From here with the promise of the messiah coming from the House of David, they would believe he will be like this kingship powerful and strong.

When Luke tells the story of Jesus, he presents Jesus with a particular kind of people and their history. He is born into a tradition; he is born into the House of David. His kingdom is different; it is the one that looks out for people who are ignored in every other kingdom – the poor and the broken and the wounded. It is fitting that in our Gospel, Jesus ends up between two criminals, between the kind of people he reached out to in his ministry to tell the good news that they were welcome into the kingdom. Even in his agony, he still had time for others. The liturgical year comes to completion in the last words of the Gospel. "Today you will be with me in paradise". Words that we long to hear of a king we celebrate and whose values we are called to live. May your kingdom come.

This week is the end of the month of November. The month of remembrance. Next Saturday at 5.30pm, as part of the centenary celebrations there will be a special Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Boolaroo. It will be a time to pause and remember, all who have been part of the parish and especially those who were buried from Our Lady Help of Christians Church. All are welcome to join.

Have a good week everyone.

Fr Darryl PP

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC met with Fr Darryl last Friday. Items of Interest considered were:

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

# Discussion had around whether the monthly Mass proposed for Wyee Hall in 2026 should be held Sunday morning, or Sunday evening. Parishioners to be further consulted on the matter. # With the establishment of the Lakeside Pastoral Council, the Morisset Parish Pastoral Council will transition to the Morisset Parish Pastoral Team in 2026.

# The Lakeside Pastoral Council and the Lakeside Finance Council will both commence meeting in Feb 2026.

# The Baptism preparation for 2026 will alternate monthly between Morisset and Boolaroo/Warners Bay.

# Bishop Michael Kennedy will not Confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish in 2026. Our next parish confirmation will be in 2027.

# It is planned to reintroduce children's liturgy at the Sunday Mass at Morisset in 2026.

#### CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

A very productive Christmas planning meeting was held last Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup> December.

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

A lot of discussion was held on how we could make the Christmas Eve Mass a place of welcome and hospitality, and several ideas were presented for consideration.

Since the meeting the question of a suitable start time at the showground has emerged. To be confirmed shortly. Christmas morning, the Mass will be 9.30 Morisset.

A Christmas 'sign up' sheet for liturgical ministries, and other 'to

Christmas Cash Appeal

There are many people in our community who rely on our assistance at this time of year. NEXT weekend on the 29th and 30th NOVEMBER, the members of Morisset Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will be on hand outside Cooranbong and Morisset Masses to accept your generous donation of CASH FOR CHRISTMAS. Also there will be a basket placed in each church for your donation of non-perishable food items. We will not be asking for gifts to be donated this year.

do' jobs will be at the church this weekend for your consideration.

A 'Working Bee' to set up chairs and the stage for Christmas Eve Mass at the Showground, will commence at 10am.

#### **FIVE SUNDAYS**

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

#### **RIP LOUISE**

Last weekend we were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Aunty Louise Campbell on Friday, 14 November 2025. Louise was a very good friend of Sr Pat Adams RSM and spent time with Sr Pat at Morisset.

Aunty Louise made an enduring contribution to our Diocese through her dedicated work within the Catholic Schools team. She was a highly respected educator, advocate and cultural leader who worked tirelessly to strengthen Aboriginal education, support Indigenous students and nurture deeper cultural understanding across our school communities.

Her generosity and commitment to reconciliation enriched the lives of countless students and families.

Aunty Louise will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of working alongside her and by the many communities she helped shape.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Aunty Louise's family, friends and all who were touched by her life and work. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire us in our collective responsibility to reconciliation and cultural understanding.

#### FR DARRYL AWAY

Next week Fr Darryl will be taking some time off to have some surgery, 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.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

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





#### LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 23 NOVEMBER 2025

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

As we are about to enter Advent, it is timely to provide you with the activities of the Safeguarding promoters in 2025. We are pleased to inform you that we are now the Lakeside Safeguarding promoters, which represents Warners Bay, Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and we are looking for a member from Toronto. We meet in person twice a year and are active in the Diocesan Safeguarding Network.

All Lakeside Promoters are required to sign a confidentiality agreement, which means any matter that comes to our attention stays private except when required by law to report e.g. a child at risk. This commitment protects vulnerable adults in our community. If there is a report of a vulnerable adult, we gain consent to document the issue, further protecting the individual.

We have developed a process for the management of reports concerning a vulnerable adult. This process ensures that all matters are managed in an orderly manner. We have been lobbying for an automatic defibrillator for the Warners Bay, Boolaroo and Booragul churches and a portable device (similar to that at Morisset) will be purchased in the new year.

In the new year we will be producing podcasts/ short clips on the need for, and common legal issues related to wills, power of attorney, guardianship that all adults need to consider. This concept has arisen from issues that came to our attention this year. We will ask your assistance by writing your questions on sheets that will be in the foyers of each church in the new year. An announcement after Mass will be made when the sheets are available. The final product will be available on our parish website.

May God fill your life with love, joy, and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



#### **COORANBONG CHURCH**

As you are probably aware, it has been intended for some time, to do maintenance work at the Cooranbong Church. This work will ensure that the Church will remain at an acceptable insurance standard.

Because of its heritage and historical significance, it is important that the services of a heritage architect is engaged, to help negotiate the proposed work with Lake Mac Council.

The initial works focus on two areas of the church building: the re-establishment of roof ventilation and the re-establishment of adequate stormwater drainage.

During 2025 Fr Darryl, attempted to engage the services of two heritage architects, but on both occasions, was 'let down' with their availability.

Recently Fr Darryl was able to secure the services of 'Heritas', an enthusiastic heritage consultancy company.

Heritas recently inspected the site, and will make application to Council for approval for the proposed work.

Heritas is confident that these maintenance-type works will be able to be undertaken without the need for a full development application, using Council's heritage exemption approval pathway.

#### WITH A LIGHT HEART

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the priest said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face.

The priest repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!"

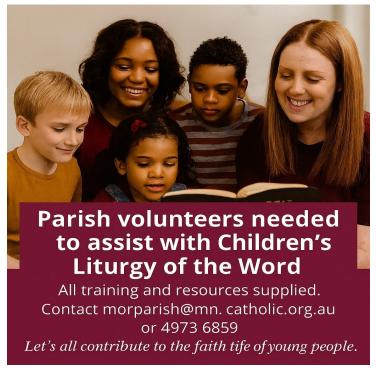
The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the priest wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!"

Though everyone else in the congregation was looking sombre, the man in front continued to smile. Finally, the priest stepped off the altar, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!

The man grinned from ear to ear. After Mass, the priest made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," he said in frustration.

"Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?"

"I'm not a member of this parish," the man replied.



#### 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         | J Foo                                      | U France            |
| MINISTER            | 9.30АМ      | U France                                   | R Hay               |
| PROCLAIMERS:        | 5РМ         | M Melvey                                   | M Melvey            |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | M Shamley                                  | J Vipan             |
| PSALMIST:           | 5РМ         | K Lendon                                   | P Melvey            |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | P Melluso                                  | L McRae             |
| <u>GIFTS</u>        | 5PM         | J Parkin                                   | P Robertson         |
|                     | 9.30AM      | K Tonkin                                   | H White             |
| <u>SERVERS</u>      | 5РМ         | L Hutchinson                               | J Foo               |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | V Paulo                                    | L Hutchinson        |
| <u>Av</u>           | 5РМ         | J France                                   | D Peterson          |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | J France                                   | E Lawandos          |
| WELCOMERS           | 5РМ         | H White                                    | J France            |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | J Hutchins                                 | K Lendon            |
| CHURCH<br>CLEANIING | Coor<br>MOR | Cameron Family<br>D Whitten<br>B Hutcheson | K Lendon<br>XXXX    |
| COUNTING            |             | M Sloman<br>J Hutchins                     | J Foo<br>J Hutchins |





# UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT CECILIA (M) - 22ND NOV

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (S) - 23RD NOV SAINTS ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS (M) - 24TH NOV SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA (OM) - 25TH NOV

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

# 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

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## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C Sunday 23 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.

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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 who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the firstborn of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you suffered, died and rose from the dead for our sake: 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, laid down his life and set us free so that we may share in his kingly glory.

Help us to walk in his footsteps of compassion and love so that we may build his eternal kingdom of justice and peace.

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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(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.)
- Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
   It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. 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.)

#### **Second Reading**

#### Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians *He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.* 

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,

now the Church is his bo

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

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 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. 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.'

durance will win you your lives.'

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: Dear friends, through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us

bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That all members of the Holy Church will be united as

one true body. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That peace will prevail in the Middle East, Ukraine,

Sudan, and all war-ravaged areas. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That young people will come to recognise God's

kingdom in their midst. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians in countries where they are

persecuted for their faith, will be strengthened by our

prayerful and generous support. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may demonstrate Christ

as truly reigning in our hearts and homes. In your  $\,$ 

glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That everyone who is sick may find relief from pain

and sorrow, and that all who have died will receive the grace of redemption in Christ's heavenly home. In

your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, you gave us your only Son as King of the

Universe. Hear our prayers, and help us to trust in you with faith that we too will join Christ in your heavenly paradise. We ask this through Christ our

Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command

and formed by divine teaching,

we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

The Concluding Rite Blessing

Leader:

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

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All: Amen.

**Dismissal** 

Leader:

Let us go in peace..

All:

Thanks be to God.

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