



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B SUNDAY 07 MARCH, 2021

We are now in the middle of Lent, our unique retreat time. For Forty days, the entire church, from the greatest to the least, is called to take a look at how our life reflects what we believe about God. Today the Gospel tells the story of Jesus' touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

The two sit, talk and listen to one another. Through their mutual acceptance of the other, the walls, boundaries, hostilities and hatreds, which had long separated Samaritans and Jews, melt away and disappear. Jesus didn't force himself into her life. He treated her with great respect. Not a hint of judgment or condemnation. Rather she felt accepted and understood.

During this season of Lent, as we go forward in living our lives, let us strive to be more like Jesus. Let us spend some time to remember the day of our baptism, and sit like the woman at the well. Let us reflect on the transformation of this woman. Let us remember that our faith is based on a personal encounter with Christ, the one whose effect on us is like cascading water.



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 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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.

PRIEST SUPERVISOR: Fr Geoff Mulhearn

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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 2pm Wednesdays)

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 | 7th Mar 9.30am |
| | Mass— Morisset |
| Tuesday | 9th Mar 9.30am |
| | Mass— Morisset |
| Sunday | 14th Mar 9.30am |
| | Liturgy— Morisset |
| Tuesday | 16th 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 .

SEE JUDGE ACT

METHOD OF THE YCW (YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS)

See, Judge Act is a simple format. It was developed for small groups of Christian youth. They would meet and consider how they could express their Faith in Christ in their workplace. The goal was to improve their workplace situation by some suitable decision or course of action. The action really aimed to do what they thought Jesus would do. See Judge Act was a means of helping to live ones Faith in the workplace- especially in service of promoting justice, and goodwill.



YCW has been in various parts of the world Church for perhaps 80 years. It has a youth branch called Young Christian Students (YCS). Our Diocese has employed a young woman Ailis McPherson to promote the introduction of YCS in our High Schools. St Paul's Booragul is one of the first schools to look at making YCS for interested students. It would normally be a 30 minute small group meeting each week, or two.

Our parish is presently running a trial of the See Judge Act method with a small group of about 8. They are meeting for 40 minutes each month for 4 months. The format is simple. Read the Gospel of the coming Sunday Mass; read again, noting what aspect of the text captured one's attention. This is simply shared by group members.

Then participants may share how that text may 'speak' to something in their present life-experience. Sharing is optional. The gathering is more a listening to each other time than a discussion time. The gathering concludes with the Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary. Participants may personally be aware of how they can engage in some 'action' in response to the shared reflection time.

A small group of teachers at St John Vianney's school are also trialling See Judge Act for 4 months.

Much of the motivation of YCW is our belief in the truth of all people's common dignity as being created by God, created in God's image and likeness as the book of Genesis says.

Please pray this Lent each day for God to bless the work which will go into making YCS available at St Paul's Booragul. Experience has proved that YCS helps young people mature and grow in their Faith in Christ.



The hope is that other parishioners will feel interested in being part of one of these simple groups, whose aim is to support the living of our Faith in our day to day actions. Please feel free to ask any questions if you would like to know more, or to join a See Judge Act group.

Fr Kevin



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

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

OUT IN FRONT: LEADERSHIP AND CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Australian Catholic University invites you to an evening of theologically informed conversation about Catholic women in leadership across a range of organisations.

This panel presentation and round table discussion will feature alumnae from the first iteration of the Leadership for Mission program in dialogue with other women and men in leadership roles in the Church, we will reflect on how leadership today implies "leading from the front, from the middle and from the back."

Speakers include: Maeve Heaney, Sophie Cox, Margaret Vider, Natalia Teguhputri, Sarah McGuire and Anthony Mellor

Date: Wednesday 17 March 2021 Time 5.30pm (6pm start) to 8pm (AEST) Online participation is free Register by Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Places are limited. Registration is essential for both attendance and online participation. Information and registration acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

About the Xavier Centre The Xavier Centre offers a broad range of theological formation opportunities for lay persons, religious and clergy across Australia. Learn more at acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADVISORY GROUP

We are currently looking for people to join a diocesan Children's Ministry Advisory Group.

This group will assist the Education Officer with teaching and learning ideas and resource recommendations to enhance the faith formation experience for ALL children within our local communities including Catholic Sacraments of Initiation, Special Religious Education (SRE), Children's Liturgy and Youth and Outreach Groups such as Activ8.

For an expression of interest form please go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/childrens-ministries/>

GLOBAL CATHOLIC EARTHCARE LENTEN IDEAS

The Global Catholic Earthcare Movement is sharing a calendar to help with the work of Project Compassion and share some Lenten ideas. You can view the calendar at https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4594/calendario-lent_en_.pdf

REFLECTION: LENT 3 "THE SAMARITAN APOSTLE"

It is not surprising that this story of the "Woman at the Well" is called a story of conversion.

This woman, one who was ostracised in her own town, held a long and rather Theological conversation with Jesus. They discussed whether he had something better than Jacob's well to offer [tradition]. They then discussed where people should really worship, [liturgy] ending with who Jesus really was [theology].

Her encounter with Jesus was extra-ordinary in that Jews and Samaritans, though related, were distained by the Jews as backwoods idolators who had intermarried with people from outside and had become outsiders themselves. So Jesus asking her for a drink had huge implications.

They spoke for a long time, but what really counted with her was that Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah. He revealed himself to Her!

We don't know what else was said, but what stuck with her was that "He told me everything I have done." She had been accepted for everything she was. That fulfilled a need that no affair could ever satisfy.

This story is about thirst, about God seeking and finding beloved humanity. Whatever her social status was, town reject or the "In" person, she became an apostle and an evangeliser. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of The Gospel), Pope Francis writes that, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus." That was what happened with the Samaritan woman. All of the theological discussion, their differences and traditions are of no matter in the face of an encounter with Jesus. She was filled with the Spirit and this made her an apostle, one who enticed others into a similar encounter with him.

On this Sunday in Lent we are offered this story and invited to reflect on the transformation of this woman. It reminds us that our faith is based on a personal encounter with Christ, the one whose effect on us is like cascading water; Water bubbling, filling us with the joyful expression that we are loved just as we are.

The conversion here is about focusing on Jesus and God's love, nothing more and nothing less.

We are loved, so we must also love.

But just one thought: did she ever give Jesus that drink of water? Uta

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

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.

COMMUNION DURING COVID

The distribution of Communion during Mass is of particular high-risk during the COVID-19 pandemic event. Because of the increased infection risk, Holy Communion is ***not to be given on the tongue***, with those attached to this pious practice being asked to adjust their usual practice to taking Holy Communion in their hand for the sake of their fellow parishioners. (Extract from DoMN Advice and Guidance to Parishes from the Vicar General.)

LGBTIQ CATHOLIC FORUM PRE-SYNOD CONSULTATION

Building the Kingdom of God Together
Sunday 21 March 2021 1.00pm – 4.00pm (AEDT)
Toohey Room; 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West NSW
RSVP and obtain pre-reading from
E: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

WEEKEND ROSTERS

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINT PATRICK— 17TH MARCH
SAINT JOSEPH— 19TH MARCH
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

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

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.

Remembrance

Francesco Lappa, Esterina Flex, Teresa Flex, Erminio Craighero, John Gibson, Frank Mure, Nina Mure.



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.**

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

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.





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 07 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 are living water: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Christ, the saviour of the world: 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.

God of mercy,
you never give up on us.
Open our minds and hearts
to your presence among us.
Give us your living water
so that we may never thirst again.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 Mark.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again:
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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. Why is it significant that it was a Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well?

Q. In what ways does an historical understanding of the Samaritans assist our understanding of this passage?

Q. What is it about her encounter with Jesus that prompts the woman to speak about Jesus in the town?

Q. How are we able to come 'face to face' with Jesus today as did the woman at the well?

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: Sisters and brothers, Gathered here in union with Christ, God's Beloved Son, let us pray for our needs and those of the whole human family.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may continue to bring all Christians closer to God's love.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will have the wisdom and courage to always seek to follow him out of love and make him known and loved by others.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations and leaders will resist the temptation of money and greed.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, like Moses, our parish community may always see things in a different way and immerse ourselves in the presence of God among us.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the millions of adults that did not have the opportunity to receive an education. That with our support, they find new opportunities to learn and grow so they can be architects of their own development.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be revived in body and soul, especially those in our community and family.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever with the Lord in everlasting joy, especially those in our community and family.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, guide our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. 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 to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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