



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021

In today' Gospel, the risen Jesus gathers his disciples, who were scattered like sheep when he was arrested and executed.

Today's Gospel is for anyone responsible for others. This includes parents, teachers, priests and bishops. Anyone entrusted with others who are vulnerable and need guidance has a model in the Good Shepherd. Their office cannot be just control or direction from a distance. A true shepherd goes among the sheep with humility and gentleness until he or she, in Pope Francis' words, "smells" like the sheep.

When trouble comes, the shepherd does not flee or look to his own interests like the hireling. The Good Shepherd is responsible for protecting the flock from harm. How powerfully this addresses the scandal of child sexual abuse by priests or the enabling by bishops who looked the other way. How much this challenges all Christians to care for society's neglected poor and outcast members.

We celebrate Easter by praying to be part of the community of the risen Christ. But it is less a comfort zone than a staging area for God's mission of mercy to the world. Are we ready and willing to be good shepherds ourselves?



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.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	25th Apr 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	2nd May 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	4th May 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Book via the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or click on the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office 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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

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

**REFLECTION FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B – 31ST JANUARY, 2021**

For us today the Scripture readings present a number of challenges Whether we are sitting in Mass listening to the readings, watching on-line or our video or following the Liturgy prayer service, we are left asking ourselves, “*What is God saying to me through His Word today?*”

The reading from Deuteronomy leaves us in no doubt we are being asked to LISTEN and to really HEAR what is being said to us. “*I will raise up a prophet like yourself. I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be answerable to me.*”

For Christians today there is no doubt that Christ is the one who speaks for God. This is reaffirmed in the Psalm: “*If today you hear his voice harden not your heart.*” Then in the Gospel, we are told, “he taught with authority.”

Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, is writing at a time when it was expected that Christ’s return was imminent, so everyone needed to devote himself or herself to God’s purpose. There is no challenge to marriage as an institution as such, but rather a challenge to get our priorities right. As one who has very gratefully celebrated a 53rd wedding anniversary, I believe that with mutual love, respect and support, we can help each other achieve God’s purpose for us.

The challenge continues in the Gospel of Mark. Here, in Christ’s very first preaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, he comes in conflict with evil personified. For us demonic possession may conjure up scenes from *The Exorcist* or *Rosemary’s Baby* or even of the madness of the mob that recently attacked the Congress in Washington. We might dismiss it as mental illness of some kind (paranoia? schizophrenia? post-traumatic stress?) However, it can be much more subtle than that: the forces of good and evil are both alive and well in this world and each of us can be challenged at any time. Do we spread a malicious story or do we bite our tongues? Do we steal from our employer, because we know we can get away with it, or not? Do we cheat on our partner, or not? Do we lie, because it makes us look better, or not?...And so it goes on.

We cannot know the nature of the demon that possessed the unfortunate man in the synagogue. Maybe it was pride or greed or the abuse of power. However, we know that it recognised Jesus as the Holy One of God. Jesus’ power over the unclean spirit is also present in him when he preaches or teaches. Wherever his word is heard or read, his power is there to heal people from evil forces which disrupt their lives. We just need to listen, to really hear and to let Christ be our guide in our individual lives, in the way we interact in the community and as a Church.

Our greatest challenge is to continue Christ’s work, to share in his mission. Pam Melvey

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL– ANZAC DAY.

This Sunday 25th April, Anzac Day is the day Australians remember the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who landed and fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of the 25th April 1915 during the First World War.

Convinced that war is the greatest human misfortune, we pray for its elimination from the world. We pray for those who have died in the theaters of war, whether they are on “*our side*” or the “*enemy*”.

Our Cooranbong cemetery participates in **Honour Our Fallen** charity, founded by Rick McCarthy, with the children of St John Vianney School placing flags on 8 x graves of war veterans each Anzac Day and Armistice Day.

Rick McCarthy will be at Cooranbong Cemetery 12.30 Anzac Day, to meet with the children participating and hand them certificates.

ANZAC PRAYER.

***Lord our God, boundless provider,
Source of peace that the world cannot give,
Kindly our constant prayer
For those who bore witness to your own fidelity
By giving their lives for those they loved.
Resurrect them in our true homeland
And perfect that peace for which they longed and died.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God for ever and ever. Amen.***

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA TIMOR-LESTE AND INDONESIAN
FLOODS EMERGENCY APPEAL**

On 4 April 2021, Tropical Cyclone Seroja struck Timor-Leste and eastern parts of Indonesia, triggering torrential rain and flash flooding. The floods swept away homes and destroyed roads, with parts of the Timor-Leste capital, Dili, now under water.

Timor-Leste is also facing a COVID-19 crisis, with Dili under lockdown following a rise in locally acquired cases. Indonesia has also struggled to contain the spread of COVID-19, with over 1.5 million confirmed cases – the highest in South East Asia. The flood will heighten the risk of community transmission, with thousands of displaced residents forced to seek shelter together in close quarters inside evacuation centres.

Caritas Australia are calling for donations so they can provide urgent, emergency support to communities in Timor-Leste and Indonesia devastated by the floods. Your donation means our partners on the ground can help provide clean water, food, hygiene kits and shelter to those who need it most.

**For more information on how you can help, visit:
<https://www.caritas.org.au/timor-leste-and-indonesian-floods-emergency-appeal/>.**

FAITH MATTERS: TODDLERS IN CHURCH

A word to the mother following her toddler in church: Solidarity! Studies say that if you have little children, by the time you have arrived to join your colleagues in the workplace, you have already clocked almost a whole day's work. This I can believe.

ANONYMOUS PUBLISHED APRIL 19, 2021

I know my babies will grow up quickly and so, just as every woman who has mothered before me tells me to, I am soaking every moment of it up because even though the days are long, the years are short.

Six years ago, my husband and I were mentally prepared for the late nights, nappies and everything in between that comes along with parenting. We booked in for the hospital tour, we put together a birthing plan and we attended the parenting classes that prepared us for the "big day".

Delivery day has come and gone three times now, each child with their own unique entrance into the big world. As our children get older, and we as parents seemingly get wiser, nothing can undo your achievements quicker, than your 2-year-old testing their boundaries, in front of the whole congregation on a Sunday morning.

Looking back on the first three years of parent life, mass was relatively easy with one child. I took onboard the solid advice from other Catholic parents that have gone before me, that children eventually learn how to behave in mass, you only need to bring them often and of course be sure to sit in the front row!

In the space of less than two years, we now have two more little saints in the making, and we are officially outnumbered. I will be the first to admit, that after a busy week of meeting the modern demands of family life, the temptation to throw in the towel of bringing three kids to mass is real, particularly when I am doing it alone.

So, why do I put the effort in bringing them to church, when sometimes it seems the only return on my hard work of getting there on time, is following closely behind my toddler in case they stumble whilst climbing over and under the pews for a solid 57 minutes?

The answer is simple: If I do not bring them, no one else will.

My husband loves that I practice my Catholic faith, it is one of the many reasons of why he adores me. Like many couples in the Church however, one half may not always be Catholic or even a believer. If I want our children to fall in love with Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, I need to make the time to introduce them to their spiritual family.

Being a cradle catholic, I do not remember learning the responses or when to stand, kneel or sit during the liturgy. All I can attest to is, that by my own mother bringing (occasionally dragging) us children to mass with her every Sunday, is that eventually the catholic aerobics became second nature.

Encountering Jesus, begins at home, in the domestic church, where family life naturally models the Christian life through love and sacrifice. The seeds that were

planted in my childhood are from my mother, who wisely knew the reverence of participating at mass and receiving the sacraments.

The sound of little voices in the church, brings the Church back to life. It is through the joyful witness of my 5-year-old processing with the Baby Jesus on Christmas morning, that sparked an interest in my child's friend, who then joined us for mass the following month.

A parishioner once called me brave for bringing my children to mass and sitting in the front row. I would in fact call my child brave for talking about their faith so openly to their friends.

It provoked me to think; how many people have I invited to church lately? Am I open to sharing my faith with others? Am I actively involved in my church community? And finally, is evangelising an area I need to work on? Is it an area we could all work on?

I have been blessed to be a part of a lively parish, where they delight in our arrival and welcome my children to be a part of the wider community. Even though we come with unpredictable cries, kneelers dropping and very enthusiastic peace waves, the smiles and encouragement that we receive from others, means that as a mother raising and forming children in the faith, is that we always feel at home.

CREATING ART FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Statement for 2021-21, To Live to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today, provides the opportunity to better understand mental illness and how as social beings we need the bonds of family, friends and the broader community to celebrate the joys and hopes of life.

SARAH JAMES PUBLISHED APRIL 20, 2021

Individuals are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement, which will then form part of the Social Justice Art Exhibition held on 17 July at the Veritas Centre, Mayfield, where a winner will be announced.

You may choose to create an artwork in your own times, or attend an art workshop, which focuses on the Social Justice Statement and also includes prayer and reflection. The cost to attend is \$10, which will be used to provide art supplies.

Workshop Dates

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

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

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

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

RSVP To register to attend one of the above workshops, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/social-justice-art-workshop-tickets-145391039513>

To find out more, please email rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au.

SEE JUDGE ACT SMALL GROUP

Will gather in the Callinan Centre on Thursday 6th May between 9.30 am and 10.15am. We will be focusing on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. This will be the Gospel text for the 6th Sunday of Easter which is the Gospel of John 15:9-17. Reading the Gospel text beforehand may assist in you in your reflection upon the Gospel prior to our gathering. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. For more information please speak with Fr Kevin.

CARITAS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The Caritas Autumn newsletter is now available online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/our-magazine/>. Check out their latest news and stories from overseas and in Australia.

APRIL AURORA

Copies are available at the back of the church or online at : <https://mnnews.today/aurora/>

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

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- SAINT MARK— 26TH APRIL
- SAINT PETER CHANEL— 28TH APRIL
- SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA— 29TH APRIL
- SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES— 3RD MAY
- SAINT MATTHIAS— 14TH MAY
- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD— 16TH MAY
- PENTECOST— 23RD MAY
- OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS— 24TH MAY
- SAINT PHILIP NERI— 26TH MAY

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

John Francisco, Ian Douglas, Patricia Jones, Ralph McKelvie, Bev Loft, Bill Eckersley, Bruce Gillett, Joan Gillett Robert Jay, Matthew & Terezia Dunstan, Michelle Clipsham, Mark Patrick, Colin Aspinall, Fr Paul O'Neill, Helen Martin.

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

Remembrance: Erwin Volkl



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office. *All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	K Amon	TBA
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	U France	TBA
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	U France	TBA
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	TBA
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	M Foo	TBA
<u>SOUND/VID-EO:</u>	9.30	G Hutchinson L Hutchinson	TBA
<u>SIGN IN</u>	9.30	H White	TBA
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	T Alexander	TBA
<u>USHER</u>	9.30	R Hay	TBA
<u>COMMUNION USHERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

Sunday 25 Apr 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 Jesus Christ
who has redeemed us
and raised us to new life.

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.

United with the whole Church,
we celebrate the joy of Easter
and keep 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 good shepherd who lays down his life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you gather your scattered children into one flock: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have lavished us with gifts of love: 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 ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

- Q. How does the image of the good shepherd speak to your life and experience?
- Q. Have you ever seen yourself as needing to be the good shepherd for someone else?
- Q. Are there times you have acted more like the 'hired man' – fleeing in the face of threat or difficulty?
- Q. How might this image be misinterpreted?

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, with faith in Jesus the good shepherd, we turn to God with our prayers.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may continue to guide the church as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians all over the world will be united in Christ as one true flock.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may always remember the love God has for us.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wandered from the flock will be returned with a strengthened spirit.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted through God's merciful love, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be granted eternal life, especially those in our community and in our families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, you lead us and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

Through the resurrection of his Son
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May the Lord bless us with joy
and fill us with fruits of the Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life. Alleluia.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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