



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 11 AUGUST 2024

In today's Gospel the Jews are complaining or murmuring about Jesus.

Sudden fame has its downside. Jesus faced this problem in Nazareth as both the carpenter's son, and the Son of God.

The people in his hometown could not believe that Jesus was anything more than the local kid, who had grown up in their midst. Jesus addressed their distrust. His words were challenging, and not easy for the people to accept.

Sometimes in our world, the burdens of life and the constant input of news outlets can bring us to a point of near-despair. We think, 'How can things be so out of control?'

Pope Francis reminds us that it is the caring and merciful Jesus Christ who must be our guide for Christian living.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal 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.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	10th August 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	11th August 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	13th August 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	16th August 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	17th August 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	18th August 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	20th August 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	23rd August 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	24th August 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	25th August 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	27th August 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	30th August 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	31st August 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	1st September 9.30am Mass—Morisset

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GOSPEL:

John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from
heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from
heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

In the Gospels, Jesus always seems to be going to eat, eating, or coming from eating.

Food, of course, was a primary concern for the half-starving people who listened to Jesus and followed him. Food-lovers might be interested in knowing that what people ate in those days, especially if they were on the edge of starvation, was bread, wine and vegetables. The bread they consumed was not of the gourmet wheat variety but was made from barley. The wine they drank was watered-down leftovers.

Wonder Bread was the first bread company to offer sliced bread back in 1931. That's where we got the slogan "It's the greatest thing since sliced bread!" Wonder Bread also advertised that it built strong bodies 12 ways.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us what we really hunger for. Jesus says he is the living bread come down from heaven. "Whoever eats this bread will live forever".

Sometimes, the burdens of life and the constant input of social media can bring us to a point of despair. We think, "How can things be so out of control?" There are wars, stabbings, civil unrest and riots, children and vulnerable people abandoned or abused, natural disasters, and the list seems endless. All the while, each one of us faces our own troubles. Ill health, family squabbles and breakups, employment problems, financial uncertainty. Where does it all end?

"What keeps us going? What sustains our hope? How can we move towards a better future?" These and similar questions continue to be asked as we face the long and hard journey before us.

The Word of God invites us to avail ourselves of God's gift of nourishment in Christ. It is by our participation at his table of the Eucharist. But we also must become what we eat. It is a food that transforms us into his instruments of change. We must be influenced by Christ, so that we become transformed in our attitude and behavior. This is a lifetime project.

The Christian life is not about evasions, and soft options. Prayer and religion are not meant to be an escape from life, but to help us face it, and for a renewal of courage and energy, so that we may commit ourselves again for the journey.

Let us plead with Jesus: 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Let's hear Jesus assure us: 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

John France

aMeN Camino

Our Diocesan pilgrims visited the Church of St Patrick & St Bridget Cooranbong last Monday as a part of the aMeN Camino 2024. Their visit included liturgy and afternoon tea, as well as stories about the history of the church.

Hunter Community Alliance

Leaders from the Morisset Catholic Church, the Morisset Uniting Church, the Morisset Anglican Church, and the HCA. are planning a 'listening session' with Local council candidates and the Federal Member Daniel Repacholi, to be hosted by **Morisset Uniting Church, 10 Stockton St, Morisset Monday 26th August, 3:30pm-5:30pm**

'Booing and heckling' not permitted.

(All ages encouraged – children under 18 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult).

ASSEMBLY 2024 “THE WAY FORWARD”

We as a church, as a community, are being asked to consider what is the best way forward for our parish. We have had a solid history of the “Synodal Way” of being Church.

From 1987, under the guidance of Fr Reg Callinan, we worked to become a community who worked for the common good of all parishioners.

We had a structure that worked. We had a Pastoral Council, Finance Team, Liturgy Team, Coordinating Team and each year we had a Parish Assembly where the coming year was planned out.

As we read in Pam’s reflection last month:

“The image of the good shepherd, who cares for his flock, occurs frequently in the Gospels and would have been very familiar to people in his time, but the message to us remains clear:

We have a duty of care and responsibility to anyone we are mentoring or even encountering. Whether priest or lay leader, teacher or parent, friend or neighbour, the responsibility is there – to do our best for them.”

We have two choices before us”

1. We remain with the Lay Leadership model. This will mean that we need new members will to step up and undertake all the “Formation, safeguarding” requirements, as well as the Spiritual Direction that this ministry entails.

OR

2. We can opt to have a “Shared Priest Model”. This would mean that the priest would be the Juridical person who undertakes these above responsibilities but ensuring it works in a synodal way ie priest and people working together.

In either case, our leaders need our support, this means having an active Pastoral Council, Finance Team, Liturgy Team and Coordinating Team.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

This Team would meet monthly – at a mutually agreed time, with the Priest/Leader and review, coordinate and vision the Pastoral needs of the parish. Bringing the responses of parishioners to the attention of the Leadership.

With this background, they can then help to plan the General Assembly where the area’s are prioritized.

COORDINATING TEAM:

This Team meets regularly – fortnightly- with the Priest/Leader, as assists with weekly tasks which keep the parish running.

FINANCE TEAM:

This Team is a group of parishioners who have the expertise and background to assist the parish in remaining viable financially so that it can fulfill its pastoral goals and according to Canon Law.

LITURGY TEAM:

This Team is a group of parishioners who not only have a love of good ‘Liturgy’, but, are also willing to undertake formation to learn just what “Good Liturgy” is, and how it helps in celebrating the communities life. This Team will then take responsibility in assisting the Priest/Leader with all the Liturgies in the Parish.

GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY:

This involves us all: It is not enough to say “they should..”, “why didn’t they...” or “you would have thought that they...”

There is no “They”! There is only “We”! It is our Parish and we all need to do our bit!

With A Light Heart

A 95-year-old woman at the nursing home received a visit from her local parish priest. “How are you feeling?” the priest asked. “Oh,” said the woman, “I’m just worried sick!” “What on earth are you worried about, dear?” the priest asked. “You look like you’re in good health. You are being well looked after, aren’t you?”

“Yes, they are taking good care of me,” the woman replied.

“Well, then what are you worried about?” said the priest, a tad confused. The woman leaned back in her chair and slowly explained. “Every close friend I’ve ever had has already died and gone to heaven. I’m afraid they’re all wondering where I went.”

This week:

Tuesday-13th Aug– Liturgy– 9.30 am

Thursday 15th Aug– Mass—10.30 am

Friday 16th Aug- - Mass—10.30 am

Saturday 17th Aug—Family Mass– Morisset 5.00pm

PORTING 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, Diocese App, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection, SURNAME or Donation 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 or the Diocese App. 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	H White K Lendon	J France U France
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan M Foo	R Hay P Melvey
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey B Cox L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	H White L McRae H White
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey M Melvey	J Lawandos V Paulo
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France T Alexander	E Lawandos M Fowler
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France H White	TBA M Melvey
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	J Scully C Lawandos K Lendon	XXXX R Hay C Hay

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE (M) - 14 AUGUST
- THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL— 14 AUG
- THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S) - 15 AUG
- SAINT BERNARD (M) - 20 AUG
- SAINT PIUS X (M) - 21 AUG
- QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M) - 22 AUG
- SAINT BARTHOLOMEW (F) - 24 AUG
- SAINT MONICA (M) - 27 AUG
- SAINT AUGUSTINE (M) - 28 AUG
- THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (M) - 29 AUG
- SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (M) - 03 SEPT

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

Anna Dussin, Mary Carapiet, Monica Gray, Koby Smith, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Bruce Gillett, Phillip Thompson, Joseph [father of Bijoy]

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



Prayer Requests for the Bulletin

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

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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



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



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We are committed to the
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday 11 Aug 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time Year B



The Introductory Rites

Acknowledgement of Country

We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. We especially acknowledge the Awabakal and Darkinjung peoples who were the original custodians of the land this parish sits on.

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

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.

We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

God's kindness brings hope to the world.
To prepare ourselves to hear his Word
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you show compassion to those in need: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you suffered for our sake: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to preach the good news to all: 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,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

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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.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday 11 Aug 2024

Priest: Brothers and sisters, the Lord is near to those who are in need. Let us come before our God and intercede for the world.

Reader: That the Church will be a sign of unity and forgiveness.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That nations will heal the wounds of division and bitterness.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That the weary and despairing will find new hope in the person of Jesus Christ.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be drawn into Christ's loving embrace,

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the Eucharist will be for us a source of strength and growth.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the dead who ate the Bread of life will live forever

(pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: O God, in Jesus you give us living Bread for the life of the world. Hear these prayers and sustain us as we move towards the eternal banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Reader: That solutions can be found and implemented to assist people struggling with the cost of living. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will honour and respect the culture and heritage of all Australians, particularly that of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That students, teachers and school communities will be ready to meet the challenges and joys of the new school year. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick and housebound will experience the love and support of our community, including those who are members of our community and families. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will enter God's heavenly kingdom, including those who were members of our community and families. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all goodness, you sent Jesus to be our teacher and saviour. Hear our prayers and help us prepare for the coming of your kingdom.

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 God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, 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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