



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land our parish encompasses, the Awabakal and Darkinjung People, who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025**

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**Prayer Requests for the Bulletin**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	15th March 5pm
	Mass—Morisset
Sunday	16th March 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	18th March 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Saturday	22nd March 5pm
	Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	23rd March 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	25th March 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Saturday	29th March 5pm
	Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	30th March 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

On the Second Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always has the Transfiguration event which appears in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Transfiguration points to who Jesus is, his identity but it also points to our final goal of what life is going to be for us at the end of time – transformation into the glory of our Father. Jesus knew he would have to come down the hill and head to Jerusalem and the cross. For me, the Transfiguration always reminds us that if we ever feel lost or confused, Jesus points to our direction, you were made for this also. No matter how much we struggle or suffer coming down the “mountain” we are God’s beloved children. For God we are as dazzling!

What has been your transfiguration moment or moments? Getting married or some saying being present for the birth of their child; being on a mountaintop with an amazing view; or just a special moment in our lives. After these amazing moments we always have to come down the “mountain” and face reality but holding on to these experiences that often keep us going, sometimes through life.

Many thanks for those who were able to join myself and our parish(es) communities for my Installation as Parish Priest of Boolaroo (& Warners Bay), Booragul, Morisset and Toronto. I wanted to share some of my Installation speech for those not able to be there.

*Tonight, is a blessed night to gather and to celebrate with my parishes and school(s) families; with Bishop Michael who appointed me to this role who is always supportive and encouraging to me; my brother priests; my two sisters and their husbands always very supportive to me; my mum and dad who died many years ago were represented with the chalice used at Mass, given to me by them at my ordination; and friends from my St Vincent’s Hospital days who wanted to be here for this celebration.*

*This side of the Lake has always held a special spot for me for many years, as prior to the seminary as a young banker, I took my first leadership position in the Warners Bay NAB. Twenty-nine years ago, I was appointed to the parishes of Toronto and Booragul, firstly as a deacon (Deacon Darryl always had a ring to it) then as a newly ordained priest. Bishops often remark that it is important that newly ordained priests have two good mentors in their initial appointments. I was blessed with two good mentors that helped shape me and my ministry – Fr’s Brian Bailey and Harry Hughes. Both now deceased.*

*Fr Brian taught me a love for the sick and the poor, always reminding me to take a few days out of my diary each month, to spend with the sick and housebound but also to work closely with the poor through St Vincent de Paul. He used to always say to me why else are we priests? He also taught me how to be tough on spending, I remember pleading to buy things. So, if I say no to spending blame Fr Brian.*

Fr Harry and I ministered together in Taree. When I arrived, he said - good you can do the administration of the parish, and I will teach you the spirituality of a priest. A spirituality that is at the heart of listening and walking with people. I watched and learned his gentle and caring nature. I have never forgotten what these two priests taught me....and many other priests and people taught me along the way.

It is with these gifts that I bring to this ministry of parish priest. As Bishop Michael said, be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, a wise teacher and a leader.... this is my promise to you! Since my return from Sydney 15 months ago, you took me to your hearts, and I took you, to mine.

I would like to pay my respects to Fr Greg Barker, the lay leaders of Toronto, the lay leaders of Morisset - John and Uta France who are here tonight. I am blessed, as I have inherited parishes with strong foundations of faith that together, we will help to shape and to guide into the future. A future as our Holy Father constantly reminds of synodality – collaboration and discerning together. It is the way I've always operated. Yes, we know we have some tough times ahead and decisions to make but we will make them together. For me the church is where the people are not necessarily where the buildings are.

Lastly, thank you to all those who made tonight possible: our Bishop, our Diocesan MC's, servers, the musicians, the liturgy committee, members of each of the four parish communities, our hospitality people. To all on behalf of all of us, I say thank you. In conclusion, I invoke the patron saints of our communities to help and to guide myself and all of us. The prayer I pray each day:

*Our Lady Help of Christians – pray for us*

*St Joseph – pray for us*

*St Michael the Archangel – pray for us*

*St John Vianney – pray for us.*

### Local Clergy changes

In an ideal world it would have been good for me to live at Toronto. Toronto sits about halfway amongst the four parishes but then there is the Five Island Bridge. A lot of my time, I spent sitting in the car waiting for the traffic to move. Over the past week, I moved into the presbytery at Boolaroo and already I have cut down my travelling time which means I am more available for the parishes. I also felt that with the foreseeable closure of Boolaroo Church, I wanted to be closer to the community who will feel this the most.

Fr Paul who has been living at Boolaroo has now moved to the parish owned house at Morisset. After discussion with John, Uta and the Parish Pastoral Council, I felt that having a priestly presence and with many coming to live in the communities of Morisset and Cooranbong, Fr Paul's spiritual, gentle and caring presence would be a gift to the community. Fr Raphael will continue to remain at Toronto. Apart from Booragul, we now have a priest present in all of our parishes. While we may reside in these parishes, you will continue to see us minister across each of the four parishes.

Just a reminder our first Lenten Reflection with the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held this Wednesday:

19th March – St Joseph's Church Toronto - 7pm

2nd April – St Mary's Church Warners Bay – 7pm

16th April – St John Vianney Church Morisset – 7pm

Apologies for the long message this week but I wanted to share with you my thoughts for the future. Have a good week everyone, happy feast day St Josephs this week and to all happy Lent.

Fr Darryl Mackie  
Parish Priest



## 2025 Sacramental Program

Dear Parish families:

It is now time that we begin the process of welcoming families into the preparation of sacraments at our parish St John Vianney Morisset.

If your child is 8 years old or over, we invite you to come to an information meeting on the Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 6pm in our Parish Centre behind St John Vianney Church 60 Yambo St Morisset where we will outline and invite you to join the process involved in preparing your children into the initiation Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation.

Children are not expected to attend this information session. Please register your interest in attending the information evening at: <https://forms.office.com/r/w3MBHAMTTi> or Ph: 02 4973 6859 or Email: [morparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:morparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



We look forward to working with you in your child's faith journey.



### 'Cuppa' Sunday

This Sunday after the 9.30am Mass everyone is invited for a Cuppa and Chat in the Callinan Centre.

### Significant Dates-2025

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Saturday March 15**

Formation/Training Morisset Church 10am

**Communion Ministers to the Sick: Saturday March 22**

Thank you Morning-Tea. (Star Café. -Dora St Morisset) 10am.

**Parish Assembly: -Sunday June 29.-After 9.30am Mass**

The Assembly will review;

The Parish Finances

Statutes of PPC & PFC

Parish Vision for 2030.

### Weekday Masses

Please note that weekday Masses are now on Tuesday at 9.30am in our Morisset Church our next weekday Mass will on Tuesday 18th March 2025.

### Lenten Journey

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

During Lent the Parishes Communities of Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto will host a 'Lenten Journey' in their Churches. Everyone is invited to make this 'Lenten Journey' together.

There will also be an opportunity for reconciliation at each church on this journey.





## PROJECT COMPASSION

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia

### Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/morisset-catholic-parish-2264>

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

### Installation Mass

Last Wednesday evening a good number of Morisset parishioners, joined other parishioners from Boolaroo, Booragul and Toronto as Fr Darryl Mackie was Installed PP of these parishes by Bishop Michael Kennedy.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call to make sandwiches, and supply cakes for the supper after the ceremony.

### Baptism Preparation

If you are seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register your interest to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/DwDQgaUe6A>

## Lenten Reflection Evenings with Reconciliation for Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto Parish Communities

19th March 2025 at 7pm

St Joseph's

140 Wangi Rd Toronto

2nd April 2025 at 7pm

St Mary's

2 Bayview St Warners Bay

16th April 2025 at 7pm

St John Vianney

60 Yambo St Morisset



Everyone Welcome to attend all Evenings



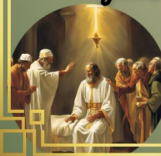
## St John Vianney Parish Morisset

Invite you to an

# ANOINTING MASS

ON FRIDAY 21ST MARCH  
AT 10.30AM IN  
ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH  
60 YAMBO ST MORISSET  
FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA

*an anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for the sick,  
frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing*



### With A Light Heart

An elderly woman visited a grocery store and requested seven. An Irishman moved into a tiny village in County Kerry, walked into the pub and promptly ordered three beers. The bartender raised his eyebrows, but served the man three beers, which he drank quietly at a table, alone.

The next evening the man again ordered and drank three beers at a time. Soon the entire town was whispering about the 'Man Who Orders Three Beers'.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broached the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to be prying but folks around here are wonderin' why you always order three beers and drink them alone?"

To be sure, to be sure, tis a wee bit odd," the man replied. "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America and the other went to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order two extra beers, whenever we would partake, as a way of keeping up the family bond. We're a close family, you see."

The bartender and the whole town were pleased with his answer and with the reverence for family and soon the man became a local celebrity and source of pride to the village. Then one day the man came in and ordered only two beers.

The bartender served them with a heavy heart. Word flew around the village quickly.

Prayers were offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender said to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer our sincere condolences to you for the death of your brother. Tis terribly sad."

The man pondered for a moment then with a smile replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, meself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

### Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025

Join us on pilgrimage this Jubilee Year with Bishop Michael Kennedy as we visit the biblical sites and spiritual heights of Greece, Turkey and Italy from 25 September -12 October. Scan visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au) and click the 2025 Jubilee Year Information tile for more information, the application form, and costings.

### SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, Diocese App, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection & SURNAME or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

### SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page 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	J France R Hay	K Lendon L Hutchinson
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Foo G Whalen	J Foo J Vipan
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Parkins K Tonkin	J Parkins L McRae
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Lawandos L Hutchinson	M Melvey J Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	E Lawandos J Vipan	M Foo E Lawandos
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon K Amon	H White J Hutchins
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX A Walker G Walker	F Dunn D Whitten B Hutcheson



### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (OM) - 18TH MAR  
 SAINT JOSEPH (S) - 19TH MAR  
 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S) - 25TH MAR  
 SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (OM) - 2ND APR  
 SAINT ISIDORE (OM) - 4TH APR  
 SAINT VINCENT FERRER (OM) - 5TH APR  
 SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DE LA SALLE (M) - 7TH APR  
 SAINT STANISLAUS (M) - 11TH APR  
 PALM SUNDAY— 13TH APR

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

Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

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

Remembrance: Christopher Crowe, Paul Crowe



### Art and Spirituality Days

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

Registration at :

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

For further information contact Rose McAllister on [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2025

That families in crisis might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

*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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au),*

*or visit their website for further information:*

*[www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)*

*Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)*

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## 10 Questions about Lent

Right now, we are making our way through Lent. Find out what it is all about in our latest instalment of 10 Questions, where we answer some common queries on this important Liturgical Season.

Fiona Duque PUBLISHED March 10, 2025

### What is Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset, with Mass, on Holy Thursday. It is a 40-day time of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor that helps Christians prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

### Why is it 40 days?

In the Bible, the number 40 would often indicate a time of trial, penance, renewal. In Luke we see this number being used to indicate the time Jesus fasted and was tempted in the desert prior to him starting his ministry.

### Why is the colour purple significant during Lent?

Colours have always played an important part in the liturgical life of the church. Symbolically it can be used to represent royalty. Historically it was an expensive dye and only afforded by the wealthy. In the Gospel of Mark, we read that Pilate used a purple robe on Jesus to mock him as "King of the Jews".

### Why do people fast from things?

Traditionally, fasting tended to be focussed on 'things' such as meat on Fridays, or chocolate, alcohol and so on. More and more, the focus has become that of a conversion of the heart as Christians try to become more Christlike and give up the behaviours that are not life-giving to others.

### Why do we eat hot cross buns during Lent?

Hot cross buns traditionally were not eaten during Lent. They were only eaten on Good Friday symbolising the crucifixion of Jesus. The popularity of the bun has meant that contemporary society has flipped that tradition on its head where the simple hot cross bun has now morphed into many flavours that are available in supermarkets well before Lent has even started.

### Why are the Stations of the Cross a popular devotion during Lent?

Being that Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate Easter, the fourteen Stations that walk people through the journey of Jesus to the cross, help Christians to pray and meditate on Jesus' suffering and death.

### Why do we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?

Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was an opportunity to use up 'rich' ingredients such as butter, eggs, and sugar before fasting for the Lenten season. Pancakes are the most logical thing to cook. It is a tradition that is still popular with many today, especially children.

### Why do people have an ash cross on their forehead on Ash Wednesday?

Catholics have been doing this for centuries. In the Old Testament wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of restoring relationships it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

### What do the Palms recall?

On the first day of Holy Week (the beginning of the last week in Lent) Christians remember Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. Palms were laid on the road and waved by the onlookers celebrating his arrival as 'the king'. These palms symbolised triumph and victory.

### I am not Catholic; how can I get involved with Lent?

You don't have to be Catholic to get involved. Find time to make things right with people you may need to repair a relationship with. Donate time and/or money to people in need. Fast from things you enjoy. Maybe find time to read the Bible. It's never too late to give that a go.

## LITURGY MATTERS: An ancient practice for a contemporary world

Every year, on the first Sunday in Lent, a group of people, known as Catechumens and their godparents come together to celebrate the ancient practice of the early church known as the Rite of Election.

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Every year, on the first Sunday in Lent, a group of people, known as Catechumens and their godparents come together to celebrate the ancient practice of the early church known as the Rite of Election. Last Sunday, 9 March, Bishop Michael welcomed 28 Catechumens to Sacred Heart Cathedral to undertake this special step on their journey towards Christian Initiation, where they will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. It was a wonderful celebration with Bishop Michael for all who attended. At the Second Vatican Council it was decided, after many requests, to restore, revise and adapt the catechumenate to the contemporary world and make it a central part of the missionary life of the Church (RCIA, n. 2).

This Rite of Election is a threshold moment for the Catechumens as it signifies their readiness to enter the final step on their journey towards initiation into the Catholic Church. After the Rite of Election, the Catechumens are known as The Elect. It is a time of purification and enlightenment; in other words, getting their heart and minds ready for their Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion and their subsequent postbaptismal journey as a Neophyte (this means 'new plant' – as with all new plants they need lots of watering. I'll write about this later in the year – stay tuned).

However, the word catechumen comes from the Greek word *katēchoumenos*, which signifies one receiving instruction. A time, as we read in Romans (NRSV, 10:17), where Paul explains this instruction as faith that comes 'from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ', and then in Ephesians (NRSV, 4:22-14) where Paul further instructs that: 'You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness'. As the Elect journey through this time of 'getting their heart and minds ready', we too, this Lent can learn from their example, and prepare our heart and minds as we journey towards the Paschal Mystery – the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



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Placing Value on Womanhood

**Date: Monday, 31 March 2025**

**Time: 7.30 pm – 9.15 pm**

**Place: St Mary's Catholic Church Hall**

**Guest Speaker: Margaret Scoope RSM**

**Cost: Donation of \$15 per person**

**Bookings can be made by phone**

**Sue – 0417 091 255**

**or**

**Marie – 0429 191 245**







## The Way of the Cross: A Pilgrimage of Hope

Join our ongoing pilgrimage this Jubilee Year and encounter the story of Jesus' passion during Lent. Engage with other pilgrims and contemplate how we might be transformed into communities that radiate hope to the world around us as we walk the Way of the Cross.

**Sunday 6 April | 3PM**

(You are invited to gather from 2pm)

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## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Second Sunday of Lent Year C Sunday 16 Mar 2025

### The Introductory Rites

#### Gathering

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

A short hymn might be sung.

#### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

#### Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one, and strengthens us by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

#### Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,  
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,  
we gather in God's name  
for when two or more come together  
God is always with us.  
In union with the whole Church,  
we call upon the mercy of the Lord  
in this season of repentance and renewal.

#### Opening Rite

##### LITANY OF PRAISE

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of all: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to God's holy mountain: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you reveal to us your glory: 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 in heaven  
your glory shines on the face of Jesus.  
Help us to listen to your Son  
and reflect your light to others  
so that all may know of your greatness.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

##### First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

##### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

##### Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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 9:28-36**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**Reader:**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All are seated.*

### **Reflection on the Word**

*A short period of reflection may be observed.*

### **Profession of Faith**

**Leader:**

In union with the whole Church  
let us profess our faith.

**All:**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Leader:** Brothers and Sisters, let us make our prayers before God, the Father Almighty.

**Reader:** That the Holy Church will continue to bear witness to the words of Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That all who hold political and economic power will resist the temptation to serve themselves at the expense of others.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That Pope Francis, whose twelfth anniversary of being elected Pope we celebrate this week, will continue to receive effective and compassionate care, both physically and spiritually.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That through faith, our parish community will be strengthened through the promise of a glorious resurrection of our bodies.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That all the sick and housebound will hold firm in hope for the healing touch of Christ, especially Pope Francis and our loved ones.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That all who have died will live forever with the Father of light in his eternal kingdom.  
In your mercy:

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

**Leader:** Holy Father, your divine favour rests on your only Son Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers and give us your power to receive the words of your Son as the true light and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:**

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

**All:**

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

### **The Concluding Rite**

#### **Blessing**

**Leader:**

May the Lord bless us in all things through Christ  
so that we may work together in loving service.

*All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.*

**All:**

**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

**Leader:**

Let us go in peace.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

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