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### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 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 November 5pm Mass—Morisset Sunday 16th November 9.30am

Mass—Morisset

18th November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Saturday 22nd November 5pm

Mass—Cooranbong

Sunday 23rd November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Tuesday 25th November 9.30am

Mass—Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

...your endurance will win you your lives....

We are nearing the end of our liturgical year, a year where we have listened mainly to the Gospel of Luke on Sundays, the Gospel which speaks of the hospitality of God. On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus taught about this hospitality with the need to be compassionate, the need to be forgiving, the need to take care of what we have – ourselves, others and what God has given to us to be shared with others. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has cleansed the Temple and taught in it. When the people look up in awe at the temple, he begins to talk about its destruction.





The temple must have been amazing taking forty-six years to build as we heard in last week's Gospel (left photo). It could be seen for hundreds of miles; it was that big and it shone in the sun with its gold and marble. When Jesus prophesied that the day would come when not one stone from the Temple would be left...well in fact the only part left is the Western Wall also known as the Wailing Wall we have today (right photo). In the year 70, the Romans seized Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple. The stones apparently exploded from the water that was inside the stones. Without the temple, which was so sacred to the Jewish people, Judaism would go in a new direction. Jesus had prepared his disciples to not just persevere through the difficult times ahead but also to be centred in his own body. So that wherever we may be, we are the body of Christ.

This Sunday is the World Day of the Poor. The Holy Father, Pope Leo writes "the poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labour, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of goodwill." (MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE 9th WORLD DAY OF THE POOR)

Finally, in just under two weeks I will be taking some time off to have some surgery which will then be followed by a couple of weeks to recover. I am grateful that Fr John Lovell, one of our retired priests has offered to assist Fr Peter and Fr John in the parishes while I am away. If all goes well, I hope to be back in the parishes by mid-December and all ready for Christmas. Please keep me in your prayers that surgery goes well and I make a speedy recover. And yes, I am not a good patient.

Have a good week everyone.

Fr Darryl PP

### REMEMBRANCE TREE

We have our 'Remembrance Tree' in both churches, to remember our deceased relatives and friends. The idea is that we write the names of those to be remembered on a leaf at the back of the church. The leaf is then hung on the tree. The tree will remain in the church during the month of November.

### **RCIA**

### **Welcome Steve & Oliver**

For some time we have had several people on a journey of Initiation, all at various stages of preparation. Two of the people, Steve and Oliver will be making their commitment to discipleship at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 16th November. In the coming weeks, others will also be making their commitment to discipleship.

After Mass this Sunday, to help celebrate their journey of commitment, everyone is invited to the Callinan centre to share a 'cuppa' with the new disciples.

### **INITIATION & EVANGELISATION**

**Evangelisation** is the first stage of initiation, where a person is introduced to the faith and community through witness and teaching, which ultimately leads to the sacraments of initiation. **Initiation** is a process of spiritual formation and conversion, while evangelization is the act of sharing the Gospel to bring people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Last year in a communique Bishop Michael Kennedy sent to Parish Priests and Parish Leaders and said "I have noticed a few areas that I hope we can focus on together to grow a parish and diocesan culture that is strong in both the ministries of evangelisation and initiation.

I sense this is a moment, to focus on growing a parish and diocesan culture strong in both the ministries of Evangelisation and Initiation. We can't afford to do nothing. Think for a moment what parish life will be like in five years if we keep on doing what we've always done with no change".

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Michael Kennedy.

### **FIVE SUNDAYS**

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

### **GIOVANNI BERTAZZOLO**

This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, a Memorial Service will be held in the Morisset Church at 11.30am for Giovanni Bertazzolo. Giovanni attended the 9.30am Sunday Mass at Morisset. Recently Giovanni was travelling to Italy, when he became ill, and subsequently died. His funeral took place in Italy, and he was buried with his mother and father.

The memorial Service is to help Giovanni's relatives, parishioners and friends who couldn't attend his funeral in Italy, to remember Giovanni's life, honouring him as a gift from God, and praying for his soul's journey to eternal life.

### WITH A LIGHT HEART

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?"

The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?"

The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a wardrobe. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?"

The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday, 16 November 2025 is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel." The full text of Pope Leo's message may be found here.

Pope Leo has also issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te ("I Have Loved You")*, which explores in greater depth our relationship with those who are poor. It encourages us to reflect on how we think about those who live in poverty and how we take action to address their plight. The text of Pope Leo's *Dilexi te* may be found here.

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared some resources to assist in the study of *Dilexi te*. These may be found here.

The US Catholic Bishops Conference has also developed some resources to assist further reflection on *Dilexi te.* These may be found here.

## JOIN WITH US AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking expressions of interest from people across our Diocese who feel called to contribute their wisdom, skills and passion on one of our new Boards or Councils.

With a refreshed governance structure that honours both civil and Church law, we are creating new Councils, Boards and Committees that remain faithful to the teachings and mission of the Church as well as help shape the future of our Diocese. Detail about each of the Councils, Boards and Committees can be found on our website at: <a href="https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/">https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/</a>

This is an opportunity to share your gifts and experience while contributing to the mission of the church.

### **GIVE BACK THIS CHRISTMAS**

A Big thank you to the Parishes and schools that have donated to the Christmas Care Pack appeal. Our aim is to provide all Seafarers with a care pack over the Christmas Season. The gifts we provide may be the only gift they receive at Christmas time. Donations close Monday 1 December. For more information contact our Stella Maris Catholic Chaplain from Mission & Evangelisation:

mark.spencer1@mn.catholic.org.au





### LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 16 NOVEMBER 2025

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to The Australian Federal Government's ban on under-16 children accessing certain social media platforms.

It is now only one month before Australia's new Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act sets a minimum age of 16 for having an account on major social media platforms. As another means of safeguarding children, the law which comes into effect from December 10 is designed to protect kids and young teens from the potential mental health harms, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and addictive behaviours associated with social media use at a young age.

The law recognises the balance between protection and access: it is not a blanket ban on children using the internet, but focuses on 'social media' platforms; however, messaging apps (e.g. sms), online gaming (e.g. Minecraft) and health/education services may be excluded under rules set by the eSafety Commissioner. The ban requires companies to take reasonable steps to verify users' ages and prevent under-16s from opening or keeping accounts. The reforms also have the requirement that platforms destroy data collected for age checks once verified. Platforms that don't do this could face fines of up to \$49.5 million.

The list of platforms banned is fluid with the following platforms currently to be restricted: TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, X (formerly Twitter), YouTube, Reddit, Lick and Threads.

# MASS AT THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS STELLA MARIS

Thursday 27 November, 5:30pm at 96 Hannell Street, Wickham Come and pray for Seafarers and our Mission, followed by a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

## SPECIAL HUMAN LIBRARY WITH JOE RUBIO - ORGANISING FOR MISSION

Monday 24 November, 4:00pm-6:00pm at Diocesan Resource Centre – Cnr Tudor & Parry Street, Newcastle West
Joe Rubio has helped scale a parish-centred organising strategy that trains parish leaders to turn pastoral care into civic power.
Learn more at our website at: https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/human-library-joe-rubio-organising-for-mission/

### **DATE CLAIMER: 2026 SISTERS OF FAITH DINNER**

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West
This is a sell-out each year amongst the women in our faith communities. Our guest speaker will be Sr Helen-Anne Johnson from Mum's Cottage, Holmesville. Tickets are \$35 and will go on sale Monday 24 November. Learn more on our website at: <a href="https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sisters-of-faith-2026-dinner/">https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sisters-of-faith-2026-dinner/</a>

### **COMMISSIONED IN HOPE MASS**

Will be held on Sunday 23 November, 5:00pm-6:00pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton

If you've been inspired as a Pilgrim of Hope in 2025, you're invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy on Christ the King Sunday and celebrate our Jubilee Year blessings with a Diocesan Mass and witness the commissioning of 100 young people for their journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. All are welcome. Don't forget to bring your Pilgrim Passport and yourselves to receive a special Jubilee year memento.

Enquiries - mission@mn.catholic.org.au

## NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL (CCR) THANKSGIVING MASS

Friday, 21 November 2025: 6.30pm Praise and Worship; 7pm Mass Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) invites all who are inspired to attend their annual Thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Michael Kennedy. Refreshments will follow in the Toohey Room.

### PRAYING SCRIPTURE - A SPIRITUAL APPROACH

Saturday, 29 November 2025 at 2.30pm

Diocesan Resource Centre, Cnr Parry and Tudor Streets, Newcastle West

Lead by Wayne Caruana, come along to an afternoon where knowledge, understanding and love of the Scriptures will build your faith, and encourage personal prayer time to deepen and flourish. A comfortable and engaging hour of scripture, prayer and discussion. Our first scripture will be "Put out into the Deep" Lk 5: 1-11. The gathering is free. Bring pen, paper, and Bible. Contact Jan Jeffrey on 0423 050 568 to register and for more information.

# PILGRIMAGE OF THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS: A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP MICHAEL

The Migrant Jubilee Cross is making its way around Australia and will visit Maitland-Newcastle Diocese from 19-21 December 2025.

### Friday 19 December 2025

The Migrant Jubilee Cross will arrive at our diocesan centre. Join Bishop Michael Kennedy and representatives from our migrant communities for prayer and conversation. Registrations are encouraged and can be done by <u>clicking here</u>.

2.00pm - Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2320

### Sunday 21 December 2025

The Migrant Jubilee Cross will be hosted at three community celebrations:

9.30am – Ukrainian Catholic Community – 105 Gosford Rd Adamstown

11.15am — Syro-Malabar Community — Our Lady of Victories Church, 262 Sandgate Rd, Shortland

6.00pm – Vietnamese Community – Holy Cross Church, 30 Oakland Street, Glendale

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

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



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### SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the priest's monthly stipend, private health insurance and superannuation contribution. Please do so at Mass in the First Plate or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, or by Electronic Funds Transfer Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: SURNAME.

### SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our parish operating costs. Please do so at Mass via the Second Plate, the Tap n Go machines or by Parish Electronic Funds Transfer the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG# + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page. Receipts can only be provided to those who are registered for planned giving.

If you would like to contribute via Direct Debit for either or both collections contact the Parish Office.

| WEEKEND ROSTERS     |             |                           |  |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
|                     |             | THIS WEEK                 | NEXT WEEK                                  |
|                     | 5РМ         | Mass                      | Mass                                       |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | Mass                      | Mass                                       |
| EUCHARISTIC         | 5РМ         | J Foo                     | J Foo                                      |
| MINISTER            | 9.30АМ      | H White                   | U France                                   |
| PROCLAIMERS:        | 5РМ         | K Lendon                  | M Melvey                                   |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | J Parkin                  | M Shamley                                  |
| PSALMIST:           | 5РМ         | R Hay                     | K Lendon                                   |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | M Melvey                  | P Melluso                                  |
| <u>GIFTS</u>        | 5PM         | H White                   | J Parkin                                   |
|                     | 9.30AM      | M Sloman                  | K Tonkin                                   |
| <u>SERVERS</u>      | 5РМ         | M Melvey                  | L Hutchinson                               |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | J Lawandos                | V Paulo                                    |
| <u>Av</u>           | 5РМ         | J France                  | J France                                   |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | T Alexander               | J France                                   |
| WELCOMERS           | 5РМ         | H White                   | H White                                    |
|                     | 9.30АМ      | J France                  | J Hutchins                                 |
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| COUNTING            |             | T Alexander<br>J Hutchins | M Sloman<br>J Hutchins                     |





## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT (OM) - 15TH NOV SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY (M) - 17TH NOV DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINT PETER AND PAUL (OM) - 18TH NOV

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (M) - 21ST NOV SAINT CECILIA (M) - 22ND NOV

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

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

Jennene Mallett, June Gillett, Bill Fenton, Jayden Sanders, Zayne Peterson, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

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





### Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2025

### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish supports The Diocese in its zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Every one of us must each day commit ourselves individually and collectively to safeguard each child and every vulnerable person to whom we interact with.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable person please contact the Office of Safeguarding Phone: 02 4979 1390 Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au,

or visit their website for further information: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

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

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### SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Sunday 16 Nov 2025** 

**The Introductory Rites** 

Gathering

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

A short hymn might be sung.

### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

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Amen.

**Greeting**Leader:

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

All:

Blessed be God forever.

### **Introductory Remarks**

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,

although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,

we gather in God's name

for when two or more come together

God is always with us.

We worship in union with the whole Church

keeping this day of the Lord holy.

### Opening Rite LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you give us words of wisdom: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring peace, not fear: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are with us till the end of time: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Almighty God

into our hands

you have placed many blessings and gifts.

Help us to use them wisely

so that we may become your faithful servants.

with the Holy Spirit,

for ever and ever.

All:

#### Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

### (R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
   With trumpets and the sound of the h
  - With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
- Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
   Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

### 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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 21:5-19

### Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come

when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name — and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

### Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

**Profession of Faith** 

Leader:

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

All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

Leader: The time of God is near. With perseverance and hope let us come before God with our needs and

the needs of the world.

Reader: That the Church will remain faithful to the Gospel

to the end of time. Hear us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That there will be peace in our troubled world.

Hear us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who seek employment will be aided by a community that is generous and caring. Hear us, we

pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That on this World Day of the Poor, we will not only give generously to the poor, but work to create a fairer

society which will strive to eliminate poverty. Hear us,

we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community be known by its courageous deeds

and work for the coming of the kingdom. Hear us, we

pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who are sick and housebound will be blessed

with peace and everyone who has died will see the dawning of the Day of the Lord. Hear us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all time, in these days of uncertainty you are our constant hope. Give us eloquence and wisdom as we

live out your Gospel and wait with patience for your coming in 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** 

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

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All: Amen.

### **Dismissal**

Leader:

Let us go in peace..

All:

### Thanks be to God.

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