



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2021

This Sunday, the Church honours Mary, the humble maid of Nazareth, with the Feast of the Assumption, and it is a day for joy and celebration.

Today, as we celebrate the glorification of Mary, we must also remember that everything wasn't easy for her. In fact, the opposite would be nearer the truth.

She had to live her life in the darkness of faith. For her there were no short cuts. She not only had to hear the word of God, but do it.

May we learn from Mary, to believe and hope and love, and may our longing too, bring us to enjoy with her, the communion with Jesus that is our heart's desire and the goal of our existence.

Let us pray that we may share Mary's childlike trust in God as our Father. Let us listen to our heart's desires, and commit ourselves to follow our deepest longings, like Mary.



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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5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Due to current Stay-at Home Orders all Services up until 12.01am Friday 20th August are cancelled.

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	22nd August 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	24th August 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Sunday	29th August 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Tuesday	31st August 9.30am Mass— Morisset

DUE TO VERY LIMITED CAPACITIES 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.

When you come to Mass or Liturgy you will need to check in electronically with a QR code or via the Service NSW website .

It is compulsory that Face Masks are to be worn Indoors, when lining up outdoors, sharing any transport with people who do not live with you .

PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH A PRIEST PLEASE CONTACT FR KEVIN ON 02 4973 1537 .

PARISH OFFICE

DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED AS ROSANNA IS WORKING REMOTELY THE BEST CONTACT METHOD IS VIA EMAIL OR YOU CAN CALL THE OFFICE NUMBER AND SPEAK TO A PLT MEMBER.

REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 2021

Today we honour Mary as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Our Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary, whom we call "Mother of God".

Mary was the first disciple of Jesus, as she watched Jesus grow from a toddler to a teenager, and then into a young man.

Christ is the first fruit of resurrection from the dead and then come those who belong to him. Next in line, belonging to him, is his mother, who is the model for the rest of the church.

Mary is a model of discipleship. Mary shows us a way of being, that is lasting, loving, and capable.

We must also remember that everything wasn't easy for her. In fact, the opposite would be nearer the truth. Mary spent much of her life on the move, setting out in haste, searching, fleeing. As the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees. Mary knew what it was like to experience fear and uncertainty in the face of the unknown.

Mary lived in a world of many broken promises, broken relationships, broken treaties, much as we do today.

All of us, like Mary, are on a journey. We are traveling to places we may not understand and to destinations we cannot see.

The road may be long, and the journey may not be easy, this is life.

Today we pray to have the trust and courage to travel whatever road we must take just as Mary did. Let us learn something from the woman we honour today, embrace what she represents, and resolve to make everyday count.

May we also learn from Mary to believe and hope and love, and may our longing also bring us to enjoy with her the communion with Jesus, which is our hearts desire and the goal of our existence

So we pray that Mary, given to us by Christ as our mother, be our companion on our journey of faith. John France

CATHOLICCARE AUGUST APPEAL 2021

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official charitable agency of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

At CatholicCare Hunter-Manning, everybody is welcome. Our Community Programs receive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. After a difficult eighteen months, we expect to be welcoming even more people through our doors.

You can help.

Help us feed more people in our community kitchens.

Help us support more refugees in our programs.

Help us deliver more meals to people in need.

Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today.

Every dollar counts.

Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile.

Donate today

Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300

Give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal

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

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS—STAY AT HOME ORDERS

All Places of Worship in the Lake Macquarie, Hunter and Upper Hunter are currently closed at this stage until 12.01am on Friday 20th August 2021. The only exception is for a Funeral or Memorial Service. We will be placing copies of the Parish Newsletter in the holders located at the doors near the breezeway. The Newsletter contains a Sunday Prayer Service that everyone can use at home. If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet please let them know they can pick one up from outside the Church.

ENRICHING YOUNG MINDS: INSPIRING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

At CatholicCare's Refugee Hub, we support people from refugee, asylum-seeker, and vulnerable migrant backgrounds to settle into life in Australia. SARAH JAMES. Our Hub offers free weekly tutoring sessions for primary and secondary school students to support their learning in subjects, such as English and Maths.

Team Leader of the Refugee Hub, Mirja Colding-Moran, describes these sessions as invaluable for building life skills and supporting the children to integrate into their new community.

"We have already seen so many positive outcomes from the children we support at the Hub, including increased confidence and academic ability," she said.

Dedicated volunteers, many of whom are qualified teachers, come in and assist the children and young people with their schoolwork.

Fred and Aicha are just two of the young people who access the Refugee Hub's tutoring every week.

Aicha was born in Syria and later moved to a Refugee Camp in Lebanon, meaning she never had the opportunity to go to school until coming to Australia.

She has been tutored at the Refugee Hub for the last six months and receives help with assessments, homework, reading and writing.

"I find school very exciting. I always wanted to go to school. There was no school for me in the Refugee Camp in Lebanon," Aisha said.

Fred is from Kenya and has also been thriving since visiting the Refugee Hub's tutoring service. While his favourite subjects are Maths and Science, his dream for when he finishes school is to be a professional soccer player!

"When I leave school, I want to be a soccer player. Maybe I could go to the Olympics one day!"

The Refugee Hub does not receive any government funding for its essential services and relies solely on the generosity of people in the community to fund its programs.

"Imagine coming to a new country, and amongst all that change, being sent to school when you have never been before. The experience can be pretty daunting.

"We need your help to ensure more children thrive at school, supporting them to learn, and build important friendships and social connection with their peers, teachers and community," Mirja says.

By donating to CatholicCare's August Appeal, you will directly assist the Refugee Hub in helping more local children and young people who need it.

Visit www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal to find out more about how you can help us make a difference in the lives of people in our local community.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - THE CHURCH TOGETHER

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, is calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. SARAH JAMES PUBLISHED AUGUST 10, 2021

On Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19.

This is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is Lord have mercy; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where we are able, in our liturgies.

There will also be an online gathering, with church leaders offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

We know very well the suffering that the current situation has brought to our community: both for those who have been infected by the virus and for their families, as well as those whose psychological and economic well-being has been disrupted. We also look beyond our shores to the devastation in other countries, who lack the resources we have.

"Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy." — Ps. 123:2

How to get involved We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities.

Every day from Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021, a Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.

Every night from 8PM AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021, a nightly Prayer Call will take place with input from a different church leader each night.

On Sunday 22 August 2021 from 9AM – 9PM, the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

To register for these events, visit: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

150 DAYS OF ACTION

The Gospel tells us that Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled from their home land for safety. Pope Francis has recently named St Joseph as "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty."

To honour and acknowledge this, people are coming together to engage in 150 Days of Action across Australia, concluding on September 26th. We wish to work with people of good will, and together advocate to change our country's attitude and policies towards those seeking protection in Australia. The Australian response needs to reflect the Gospel more, as it too often presents refugees and people seeking asylum as those who try to manipulate our charity. Jesus says to us that what we do to others we do to him. All parishes and groups, no matter how small, are invited to take part, and to work with others for the good of our

brothers and sisters who are seeking refuge.

For more information about the 150 Days of Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, please refer to the linked document. Contact: Julie Macken of the Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office: julie.macken@sydneycatholic.org

Susan Connelly of the Josephite Justice Network: susan.connelly@sosj.org.au

"AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR "

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorsa/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

On Saturday, 31st July, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering was launched online. Hundreds of men and men's groups have already signed up to be a part this inspirational event. The gathering aims to encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, church and the world.

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is a free event and all the pre-recorded events can be downloaded and watched individually, or as part of a small group.

The opportunities to gather at this time are complicated by the need to act safely during the pandemic. And yet, it is important to gather and connect.

Our Diocese will be hosting four online meetings to watch and discuss the four sessions of the Men's Gathering. These sessions will be an opportunity to engage with the material and with other men, while also being an opportunity to explore men's ministry in our diocese and our local communities.

These online meetings will kick off on the Wednesday after Fathers' Day and run for four weeks during September. Each session will run for an hour. (7.30-8.30pm – 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September).

If you would like to be a part of our Diocesan online gatherings, or if you would like to explore how you could run the sessions in your own local community, please email brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au to register your interest. For more information, visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

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

"HIS MERCY REACHES FROM AGE TO AGE" LUKE 1:39-56

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

We thank everyone who has continued their support for our Parish during these very different times.

As cash is deemed a transmission hazard by NSW Health they recommend that donations and payments be made electronically.

There is an online parish payments button on the Parish Website Home page or alternatively you can deposit directly into the Parish Account, Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number.

If you would like to make contributions to support the Diocese Clergy / 1st Collection the Bank Account Details are: Account Name: CDF 96020 Morisset Parish BSB: 062815 Account Number 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection

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The Latest Aurora is available at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 15TH AUGUST

SAINT BERNARD— 20TH AUGUST

SAINT PIUS X— 21ST AUGUST

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW— 24TH AUGUST

SAINT MONICA— 27TH AUGUST

SAINT AUGUSTINE— 28TH AUGUST

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT— 3RD SEPTEMBER

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 8TH SEPTEMBER

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

Bishop Bill Wright, Mark Patrick, Robert Jay, Michelle Clipsham.

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.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	No Service	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30		TBA
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30		K Amon
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30		K Amon
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30		M Melvey
<u>AV:</u>	9.30		M Foo
<u>SOUND/ VIDEO:</u>	9.30		J France
<u>COVID-19 SAFETY TEAM</u>	9.30		P Melvey K Lendon K Amon J Vipan
<u>COMMUNION USHERS</u>	9.30		COVID-19 Safety Team
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30		COVID-19 Safety Team

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.



AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM

INVITES AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

TO THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF CONVOCATIONS VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 7.30 – 9.00PM (AEST)

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

*Convocation 2. Outcomes and
actions for the Plenary Council*

The Convocation will be opened by
Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann

Guest speakers

Dr Jessie Rogers

Ms Debra Zanella

Mr Robert Fitzgerald

Prof Emer John Warhurst

FREE REGISTRATION

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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 15 Aug 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 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 are the fruit of Mary's womb: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you came to raise up the poor and the lowly: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in you all shall be brought to life: 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 on high
we rejoice with the angels
as we celebrate Mary's assumption into heaven.
May her example lift our hearts to things above,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
so that one day we too will share her glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon

which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **(R.)**
2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

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

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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.

Lk 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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. What prompts Mary's rush to her older cousin?

Q. What is the significance of Mary's arrival that suddenly makes Elizabeth fill with the Holy Spirit?

Q. Why might this particular gospel writer begin his gospel with this emphasis on the affirmation of life?

Q. How is it possible for you to acknowledge and support those in your community who are saying 'Yes' to life?

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: Let us open our hearts to God in prayer, for God shows kindness and mercy to those who fear him.

Reader: For the Church:

That it will follow Mary's example and be open to the Spirit in times of change and uncertainty.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For women in poor countries:

That those in authority will come to their aid with justice and compassion.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For parents who await the birth of a child:

That they will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the Plenary Council: That we might be given more profound faith, greater courage, deeper spirituality and the ability to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us, as faith communities come together to respond and prepare for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October this year.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For this community:

That we will remain faithful to God and magnify his name all our lives.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who have died, including those in our community and families.

That, like Mary and the saints, they will come to share Christ's glory in heaven.

(pause)

With Mary we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all generations, you blessed Mary for believing that your promise would be fulfilled. Hear these prayers and may we, like Mary, be lifted up and proclaim your greatness by our good works. We ask this through Jesus 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:

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,
now and forever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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