



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

Mobile phones, laptop computers etc, keep us connected, informed and able to shop at any time anywhere. Jesus' disciples lived in a much different time. People's material treasures were simpler. But even then, these things could consume a person. There would be fear of not having enough or of losing what one had. It seems part of the human condition that people tend to amass more than they need.

Jesus calls us to watch and be ready. We are not to get caught up in the treasures of this life, in false securities, for here we have no lasting city. Our personal end-time will come at an hour and a place of which we have no idea. If we share what we have, and do not cling to what is passing, we will be well prepared.

The most important thing is that we learn to live as Christ lived and radiate his goodness to those around us; we learn to be true "leaven and salt" to the world.

We know neither the day nor the hour when Jesus shall return, so each of us must live as if that day is today.



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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Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France	Sat & Sun

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	6th August 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	7th August 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	9th August 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	13th August 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	14th August 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	16th August 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

WE ENCOURAGE

**MASK WEARING
 PHYSICAL DISTANCING
 HAND SANITISING,
 STAY HOME IF SICK**

There is NO NEED to BOOK if you would still like to book in you can. If you do book please arrive 15mins early and notify us of any cancellations. To book use the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Eventbrite Website <http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or call the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm .

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2022 REFLECTION NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

What does the future hold in store for us? Today's scripture readings put these questions to us

These are the big questions we face today, and in all the days of our lives. Jesus talked with His disciples (and we are His disciples) about the future, telling them they were to face it with hope, and in a spirit of positive expectancy.

In the Culture Wars we now face, the secularists have managed to present people of faith, as foolish and even dangerous. Religion, they claim, engenders war, is divisive, and is harmful to human progress. The Church in Australia also faces challenges, both from within and from outside. Rarely a day goes by, without some unfavourable headlines about the Church. Things have never been this testing for us who stay faithful.

Faith is not something that belongs only to religion, it belongs to everyday living.

Each day we take risks and act on probabilities, hardly ever on certainties. We take risks in depending upon the decisions of others, never knowing with certainty, what the outcomes will be.

Some of the greatest world leaders have presented us with leadership based on faith. Abraham Lincoln led the people of America through one of the darkest times in the history of America, basing his vision solely on faith.

Faith is forever an adventure in living, an adventure in which God Himself lives. Questioning of faith can be a growth point. A faith which is challenged, can emerge as fuller and more genuine. It can mark the change from the comfort of childhood certainties to new horizons, when the adult is searching for a deeper experience.

Pope Francis has made the call 'to go out,' the dominant theme of his pontificate. He constantly reminds us of the challenge to question the status quo, to renounce security and mediocrity, to meet God in the wounded and marginalised.

Living the faith has something to do with the movement from security to boldness, from inward looking to outward looking.

What awaits us in our future? John France

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR RCIA AND SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION MINISTERS

Saturday 10 September, Morpeth, 10am to 3.30pm – Reflection Day 'Come rest a while' in appreciation of current and interested Christian Initiation ministers. Opportunity to listen, reflect and get to know other ministers. Morning tea and lunch provided. Details and registration at come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au.

Sundays September 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, Newcastle West, 1pm to 4.30pm – Formation process 'Go make disciples' for new and experienced Christian Initiation ministers. Explore the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) over six Sunday afternoons. Details and registration at go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au

Read more at tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd Enquiries to sha-ron.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1134.

CANCELLED - ANNUAL HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATION

Unfortunately, Christians for Peace and the Hunter Peace Group have decided to cancel their annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration Saturday 6 August. It was going to be hosted at Peace Park in Tighes Hill.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE

Join us for Pints with a purpose on Monday 8 August from 6pm to 8.30pm at the Hudson Room in the Sydney Junction Hotel (8 Beaumont Street, Hamilton). Contact Mary-Anne on 0409 077 373 or email youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au for more information.

MASS CELEBRATING DIVERSE LEARNING

Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration. It's on Sunday 18 September from 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie. An afternoon tea will be hosted after Mass, no RSVP is required. For more information please contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000.

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

You cannot become what you do not know. Join Bruce Downes as he dives deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series is presented by Downes, who is also known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on Monday 15 August. You can receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore. Sign up today at <https://brucedownes.org/>

CLAIMING HOPE: CREATIVE HEALING RETREAT

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House from 12 to 14 August for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.

Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWMJN

CARITAS AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR DONATIONS

After three years of poor rainfall, some of the worst locust plagues in decades, ongoing conflict and now the impacts of the war in Ukraine, the Horn of Africa is currently facing what is potentially the worst food crisis we have seen in our lifetime. Over 14 million people across Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia are on the verge of starvation and this number is rising rapidly. To help Caritas Australia's response donations can be made at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/africa-food-crisis/>

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our St. Vincent de Paul conference I wish to sincerely thank all the parishioners and school parents who contributed to our recent Winter Appeal. Our local people in need will benefit from your generosity. Thankyou!

Monica Gray

DISCOVER THE DIOCESE'S NEW APP!

Mass times, news and events, and parish giving are now just a tap away. Download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install. To learn more about the app, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app



LITURGY MATTERS: OPPORTUNITIES TO REFRESH!

Jesus has a lot to teach us about taking opportunities to be refreshed.

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He often withdrew for a while to pray and rest with God. He also took the disciples away to pray and rest, and also to teach them. We heard about one of those times in last Sunday's Gospel when during a time away, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. He taught them the prayer we call the Our Father.

What is good and necessary for Jesus is good and necessary for us. We all need time apart to be refreshed by opportunities to rest and pray, and to reflect on our experience of ministry and learn more about it.

I don't know about you, but I can get so lost in the functional doing of ministry that I lose sight of the bigger vision of God's Kingdom and how that is revealed in the documents, Rites and pastoral ministry of the Church. As the scriptures remind me so often, 'my ways are not God's ways' and I have a constant need to be re-oriented into the Mystery of Christ and the wisdom of God revealed there. I have many 'Oops' moments when I am reminded of some aspect of ministry I have forgotten, or that I didn't know.

Pope Francis is taking his lead from Jesus in his recent letter to all the People of God on the critical importance of liturgical formation; code language for 'opportunities to refresh.' We began to reflect on it in the last Liturgy Matters.

The Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum is conscious of the many parishioners – which include school staff – who pour themselves out passionately and generously, in the ministry of Christian Initiation with adults, and children and their families.

As a sign of appreciation and in an effort to support you in this important ministry, we are hosting two opportunities for you to come and be refreshed:

Come rest a while is a reflection day at Morpeth on Saturday 10 September. This is an opportunity to be still with God; to listen to and reflect on God's Word, the liturgy and our Catholic life; to share your experience and to get to know ministers from other communities. View the flyer for all details including registration. The day will be fully catered.

Go Make disciples is a formation opportunity that invites participants to explore the entire Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) over six sessions. Because the RCIA is the template for all initiation, including children, this is an important formation opportunity for all Christian Initiation ministers. View the flyer for all details including dates, times, venue and registration.

Parishes who are looking to establish an RCIA team for the first time, or who would like to introduce new members to an existing team, might seize 'Go Make disciples' as an

opportunity to ensure members of your teams are immersed in the vision, principles and processes of the RCIA.

The ministry of Christian Initiation, with adults and children and their families, belongs to all the baptised. So, everyone is invited to participate in these two opportunities to be refreshed: all parishioners including teachers, experienced and new ministers, those who have an interest in discovering more about this ministry and would love to come rest a while. Such diversity will provide a rich formation space.

Please help spread the word about these two opportunities to be refreshed. There's nothing better than a personal invitation.

An additional opportunity is available courtesy of the Christian Initiation Australia Network. They are hosting a webinar titled 'Ways to get your parish involved in your RCIA process' on Monday 8 August at 7.00pm. View the flyer for all details including registration. The Christian Initiation Australia Network provides a range of excellent resources and formation opportunities. If you are involved in the ministry of Christian Initiation and are not a member of this network, I recommend you join. Go to the website and click the 'Join CIAN' button on the top right of the screen.

The members of our Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum are looking forward to meeting up with you at the two diocesan opportunities outlined above. 'Come rest a while' so we can continue to 'Go make disciples'.

Acknowledgements

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RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

You are invited to celebrate the launch of our Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to be held on:

Thursday 18 August between 10.00am to 12.00pm, followed by lunch at St Joseph's Catholic Parish, 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto.

The launch of our first Diocesan Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan will be an opportunity to recognise our part in the reconciliation journey. As we gather, our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan will lead us on a path to progress our mutual trust and develop an understanding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Diocese.

The RAP encourages us to empower and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have a voice that is heard, and to use their gifts, spirituality and culture.

Thank you, Teresa Brierley Director Pastoral Ministries
Register at: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkekM06p1mZPHNUvHQxQc3_Tu5E5xZURjJQTEZBMUJGQkNGRDITRTg2RDBEOVZGNC4u

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

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

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION

We wish to thank those who have continued to support the Clergy and are asking for those who are not doing so to consider making contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, the Diocese App or set up a direct debit arrangement (contact the parish office for this option).

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2ND COLLECTION

We wish to thank everyone who has continued their support of our Parish during these very different times. You can support our Parish at Mass via the RED bucket or deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number, or you can use the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	R Hay K Amon	K Lendon R Hay
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	D Joyce J Hutchins	J Vipan D Joyce
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan Jo Patrick H White P Herbert	F Dunn K Dunn J Hutchins K Amon
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	J France M Melvey
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L McArdle M Foo	M Foo T Alexander
<u>SOUND / VIDEO</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France U France	U France J France
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	A Sillince TBA	TBA TBA
<u>COVID TEAM</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey H White A Walker G Walker	K Lendon P Herbert J Hutchins K Amon
<u>COVID CLEAN- ING</u>	5PM 9.30AM	All available Covid team members	All available Covid team members
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX R Hay C Hay	J Scully A Walker G Walker

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD— 6TH AUGUST
SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP) - 8TH AUGUST
SAINT LAWRENCE—10TH AUGUST
SAINT CLARE— 11TH AUGUST
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—
15TH AUGUST
SAINT BERNARD— 20TH AUGUST
QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 22ND AUGUST
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW— 24TH AUGUST
SAINT MONICA— 27TH AUGUST

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

Jeremy McMullen, Josie Scully, Harry Goldman,
Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, Sue Alexander,
John Francisco, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Koby Smith,
Patricia Jones.



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 <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>



The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding (ph: 4979 1390 or email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au), or visit their website for further information (www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).



SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday 07 Aug 2022

The Introductory Rites

Acknowledgement of Country

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.

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:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, we place our trust in you: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to stand ready for when you come: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you offer us treasure in heaven: 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:

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Mighty God
your outstretched arm
commands the wind and the seas
and strengthens all who have faith in you.
Reach out to us when we are afraid.
May we walk with Jesus through every storm.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more

descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour

he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

‘The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.’

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. How do you understand Jesus’ saying, ‘where your treasure is, there will your heart be also’?

Q. In what ways does this passage suggest that we are accountable for our actions and attitudes?

Q. Does the language of ‘servant’ and ‘master’ get in the way of a modern reader’s understanding?

Q. Where today do those who have ‘had a great deal given’ need to step up to what is expected of them?

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

Leader: Dear friends, in faith and reverence we make our prayers to the Lord.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, will continue to lead the Church
in faith and hope for the coming of Christ. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That conflict between nations will be resolved through mutual
respect and humility. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments and organisations will work together to help
prevent catastrophic loss of life which is threatening the Horn of
Africa, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, and other areas. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will respond generously to appeals for those who are in
desperate need. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will honour and cherish the gifts of Creation and work
together to mitigate the threats to our environment. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will take inspiration from Mary MacKillop’s words to
“never see a need without doing something about it”. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick and frail will be cared for and comforted,
including those in our community and families. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will rest in God’s love forever, including
those in our community and families. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, you give us the gift of faith in Jesus. Hear our prayers today,
and help to be always ready to receive Christ when he comes again. We ask
this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

All:

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

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

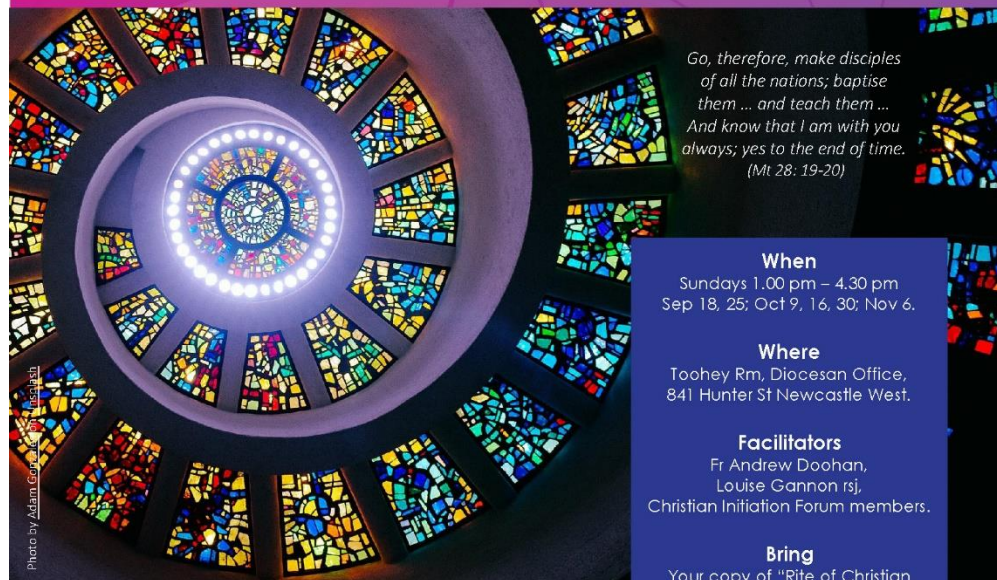
Thanks be to God.

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*Go, therefore, make disciples
of all the nations; baptise
them ... and teach them ...
And know that I am with you
always; yes to the end of time.
(Mt 28: 19-20)*

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