



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C 12 JANUARY 2024

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, Luke's Gospel doesn't so much concentrate on the actual ceremony but the commissioning of Jesus' public ministry and God's acknowledgement of who he is...the beloved Son. Baptism is like a door that once we go through this door, we can never see ourselves in the same way again. But since most of us were baptised when we were too small to know anything about it, we must grow to understand it in our lives. That's why we reflect and renew our baptismal promises when we are older at Confirmation and each year at Easter. Baptism calls us to know Jesus and to make Jesus known by what we say and what we do.... because we are God's beloved sons and daughters. That is who we are! Here's a question, do you know where and when you were baptised? I was baptised three weeks after I was born at St Catherine's Church Greta.

The famous American author Mark Twain once wrote:

*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born  
and the day you found out why."*

What's your why? I wasn't always going to be a priest. After school, I set off on a banking career which allowed me to travel the world. The bank (NAB) saw that I was management material and at age 21 was branch manager of the small branch at Warner's Bay. Anyone remember it in the main street? Then I was moved to Charlestown, a much bigger and more challenging branch. Yet something didn't feel right! When I was 9, I attended the ordination of a fellow parishioner from my home parish, Fr Bob Searle and as a teenager, I worked with the St Vincent de Paul Society. It was these experiences that must have stirred something within me, to want to do more with my life. So, at the age of 24, I left the bank to pursue priesthood, and you should have seen their faces. What's your why? We are called to live out our baptismal call in many ways be it as married, single, priest or religious God invites us as beloved sons and daughters to share our gift with one another. My why, and how I live out my baptismal call, was to want to do more with my life and to journey with you as your pastor.

Over the next two weeks, I want to share with you my role as your parish priest or pastor. You can't talk about a parish priest without talking about the structures of a parish. A parish is defined as "a community of Christ's faithful, stably established within a particular church, whose pastoral care, under the authority of the diocesan bishop, is entrusted to a parish priest as its proper pastor" (Canon 511). As pastor of the community, "he must be caring for the people and celebrating the sacraments; proclaiming the word of God through preaching and teaching; leading people in worship; leadership and serving the parish community; seeing to the administration of the parish goods; promoting mission outreach; and supporting and promoting social justice." Well, I'm exhausted reading this because we do these times four with our parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset. That's why I need your help. I can't do it alone; I need you to assist me by living out your baptismal call.

Have a good week everyone.

Fr Darryl Mackie

**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.**

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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.

## Welcome

Welcome to all the visitors to our Parish of St John Vianney during the summer holiday season.

The Parish of St John Vianney Morisset, was officially formed in 1947, however our Mass center of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong, dates to the 1860's. The present Cooranbong Church celebrated its centenary in August 2006, and 150 years of Catholic presence in the area was celebrated in 2011.

It is documented that Saint Mary McKillop visited Cooranbong where she had a convent school. Up until 1966 St John Vianney Parish was part of the Diocese of Sydney, but now it is part of the Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle, with Bishop Michael Kennedy as Bishop.

The 9.30am Mass at Morisset is recorded each Sunday and uploaded to the Parish Website and Facebook later in the day, internet allowing. This allows people in nursing facilities and those away from the parish for whatever reason, to keep 'in touch' with the parish.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## The Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope' li

The 2025 Jubilee officially opened on December 24, 2024, at 7pm, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by Pope Francis, who then presided over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica.

During 2025, the Paschal Candle which is the sign and light of Hope for the Catholic faithful, will be an extraordinary sign for the Jubilee Year, and will be lit for every liturgy

An anchor is being used as a symbol of stability and security for the duration of 2025 The image of the anchor helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. heavenly goal to which we have been called. (Pope Francis)

## Baptism Preparation

This Tuesday evening 14th January at 7pm in the Callinan Centre, we will be holding our first Baptismal session for 2025.

We have four families who have indicated that they will be attending the session.

When parents are asked why they have chosen to have their child baptised, there is usually a wide range of responses.

Baptism is about belonging. It is the gateway to a new life of unity, sharing joys and struggles as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus.

If you are unable to make this session and would like attend one of our programs later in the year register your interest at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DwDQgaUe6A>

## Finance Update—111 Dora St

Just a quick update on finances in the parish. As you know a few years ago, our parish property at 111 Dora Street Morisset was damaged beyond repair. Without the resources to rebuild and the difficulty of its location next to the school, the Diocese approached us recently and purchased the property. You may have noticed this week that the demolition of the building started to take place.

At the same time, an opportunity to purchase an investment property for the parish has also come up and we are currently in negotiations to purchase. The plan will be to rent this property to support the ongoing works of the parish. Between the sale and purchase, we are fortunate that there will be some money left over which we will be allocating to do some essential work on both of our churches which you will see in the coming months. Happy to provide you with more details as things progress.

Darryl & Morisset Finance Committee.

## Take a look at our community's generosity this Christmas

The Christmas and New Year period is often a time of giving and supporting those in our community who are struggling during the holiday season.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and CatholicCare Hunter-Manning have been lucky to see this generosity come to life over the last few weeks.

Check out some of the initiatives that have been happening below.

### Club Taree donates toys to children on the Mid-Coast

CatholicCare's Taree office received an incredibly generous donation from Club Taree for their Child, Youth and Family programs just before Christmas.

The team donated more than \$3,500 in toys to give to the families we support on the Mid-Coast to help make their Christmas a bit brighter.

### Diocese drops off donations at the Mission to Seafarers

Late last year, Bishop Michael Kennedy, CEO Sean Scanlon, Director of Mission & Evangelisation James Camden, and Head of Property Services Ray Bowen visited the Mission to Seafarers Centre in Newcastle to drop off some donations for those who spend months and months at sea.

After being inspired by the role of Mission to Seafarers at Bishop's Staff Day, Property Services reached out to the businesses they work with to ask for donations of festive goodies and essentials to donate.

A big thank you to the following businesses who supported this initiative:

- H L Mullane & Son
- Principle Project Management
- North Construction & Building
- Guardian Safety Solutions
- Connex Management & Construction Pty Ltd
- Webber Architects
- GBE Group
- SHAC Architects

### Giving Tree

Throughout December, a number of staff donated toys and other goodies for the children and young people in CatholicCare's programs. More than 200 items were donated, providing gifts that were received with smiles and excitement by all the recipients.

### CatholicCare Christmas Hampers

The community, including our schools and parishes, once again supported CatholicCare to put together Christmas Hampers for the people who access our five Community Kitchens in Taree, Forster, Newcastle, Hamilton South, and Toronto.

## Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

I particularly wish to highlight parish communities who have offered their Churches as sites of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, and I wish to accept, and announce, them as official pilgrimage sites to you all:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West
- St Mary Star of the Sea, Newcastle
- St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland
- St Joseph's, East Maitland
- St Joseph's, Murrurundi
- Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace, Scone
- Saints Patrick & Brigid, Cooranbong

Over the coming months Mission & Evangelisation will work with the leadership teams of these churches to prepare their place of welcome to pilgrim groups small and large from across the Diocese and beyond

At our Diocesan Launch for the Jubilee Year on March 2 there will be more information available and the opportunity to receive a Pilgrim Passport for those wishing to make the journey to as many of our pilgrimage sites as possible.

Yours in Christ Most Reverend Michael Kennedy Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



## Save the Dates the following Jubilee Year 2025 Diocese Events

**2nd March 2025**

Diocesan Launch—Pilgrimage, Mass and Festival—Foreshore Park to Sacred Heart Cathedral

**8th August 2025**

aMeN Camino Experience

**25th September—11th October 2025**

International Pilgrimage—Journey of St Paul and Rome

**29th September—3rd October 2025**

NATSICC Assembly—Hunter Valley

**30th November—2nd December 2025**

Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Melbourne

## With A Light Heart

One evening a grandmother was babysitting her two young granddaughters. They were playing around together when all of a sudden it was 8pm, which was the girls' usual bedtime. Okay, time for bed," she informed the two children. "Why?" the youngest asked. "It's so early!" "Your father insisted your bedtime is 8pm," the grandmother said.

"You don't have to listen to him," the other replied.

"Why not?" the grandmother asked.

The grandchild answered: "Because you're his mother!"

Florence was a conceited woman who was aware of her faults. One day after Mass she was talking to her parish priest and said, "Father, this morning I spent almost an hour looking into the bedroom mirror admiring my beauty. Is that cause for concern? Should I go to confession?"

"Actually, no," the priest replied after thinking for a moment.

"You only have to confess sins, not errors in judgement."

## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2025

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## World Day of Prayer 2025

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and

participation in the worship service, we can learn how people of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

A different participating country writes the service each year, and we look forward to that prepared by the WDP Committee of The Cook Islands 2025.

Southlakes Anglican Church, Bridge St Morisset will be the Host Church this year, Friday 7th March 2025.

More details as the date draws closer.



## Caritas Australia launches a Vanuatu earthquake appeal

At least 14 people have been killed in Vanuatu following two earthquakes in 24 hours, impacting an estimated 116,000 people.

Hundreds of people are injured or trapped following the collapse of buildings resulting from successive 7.4 and 6.1 magnitude earthquakes. As rescue efforts continue, the death toll is expected to rise. The Port Vila hospital has been overwhelmed, having also sustained damage resulting in the closure of operating theatres.

Two major water reserves that supply Port Vila have also been destroyed, with assessment into water supplies ongoing. Major damage to infrastructure has been sustained, impacting communications, airport runways, bridges including the Tagabe, Teouma and Black Sand bridges, and the main port.

As part of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CANDO) Caritas Australia will be supporting on the ground through its partners. These partners are assessing the situation, and are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements, which are likely to include emergency shelter, food, and other essentials, as well as psychosocial support.

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Manager at Caritas Australia said, "Vanuatu, and particularly Port Vila, has been devastated. People are now trying to recover and perform rescues with damage to infrastructure such as bridges, telecommunications, water supplies, and the local hospital."

"Many are fearing further disaster as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. These disasters are unfortunately the most common place at this time of year, when many of us are celebrating and enjoying a break."

"As we embrace the festivities, we must remember that our brothers and sisters in Vanuatu, who need our compassion and support as they recover."

To support Caritas Australia's Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal, go to: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/vanuatu-earthquake/>

or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

## Sacramental Program

Families who have baptised children in Year 3 or above who would like to complete their sacraments of: Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion please register your expression of interest at: <https://forms.office.com/r/6B1AYN1SRB>

**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	K Lendon D Peterson	P Robertson R Hay
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson M Foo	D Joyce L Hutchinson
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey H White J Hutchins K Amon	A Dussin K Lendon P Melvey
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey J Lawandos	R Lawandos V Paulo
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan M Fowler	E Lawandos J Vipan
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France K Lendon	H White J France
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	K Lendon A Walker G Walker	XXXX B Hutcheson D Whitten



**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (F) - 12TH JAN
- SAINT HILARY (OM) - 13TH JAN
- SAINT ANTHONY (M) - 17TH JAN
- SAINT FABIAN (OM) - 20TH JAN
- SAINT SEBASTIAN (OM) - 20TH JAN
- SAINT AGNES (M) - 21ST JAN
- SAINT VINCENT (OM) - 22ND JAN
- SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES (M) - 24TH JAN
- CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL (F) - 25TH JAN
- AUSTRALIA DAY—26TH JAN

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

Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Frank Simons, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Bruce Gillett.

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



**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

- Saturday 11th January 5pm  
Mass— Cooranbong
- Sunday 12th January 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Friday 17th January 10.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 18th January 5pm  
Family Mass—Morisset
- Sunday 19th January 9.30am  
Mass— Morisset
- Friday 24th January 10.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 25th January 5pm  
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 26th January 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset

*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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**SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE The Baptism of the Lord Year C**  
**Sunday 12 Jan 2025**

**The Introductory Rites**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We Acknowledge the Awabakal and Darkinjung nations as the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land our parish encompasses for thousands of years, and honour and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**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  
rejoicing at the birth of the Saviour.

**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 mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are word made flesh and splendour of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:**

**Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Leader:**

Let us pray.

*All pause for silent prayer.*

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**All:**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

'Console my people, console them'

says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem

and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord

double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness

a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God

across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1**

**(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

1. Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. **(R.)**
4. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**
5. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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 3:15-16. 21-22**

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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: Dearest friends, let us bring our intentions before our God, the Lord of power and might.

Reader: That the Church may more actively reach out to those who yearn for Christ's message of peace. In your goodness:

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

Reader: That those responsible for armed conflicts may be persuaded to turn from violence to sincere dialogue and peaceful outcomes. In your goodness:

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

Reader: That young people beginning their working lives may find Jesus as a role model of justice and righteousness. In your goodness:

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

Reader: That the Lord will bless all the sick with peace, especially our loved ones. In your goodness:

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

Reader: That all who have died will live forever in the Father's care, especially our loved ones. In your goodness:

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

Leader: Loving Father, through the Holy Spirit you gave us your beloved Son. Hear our prayers and grant us your favour as we live your Gospel. 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 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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