



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 08 OCTOBER 2023

The Gospel today continues Jesus' collection of parables, with the parable of the wicked vine-dressers.

Jesus used parables to shock people into conversion. They aren't puzzles to be understood, but calls to action, crafted to make people uncomfortable enough to change their ways.

The question for us is how does this parable apply to us today, when we hear Jesus saying that we are to be a people who produce good fruit.

Our call is not to be a church of sour grapes, but a church that bears the rich fruit of good grapes. So the church, which includes all of us especially those in authority, in every time and place, is to be and grow disciples.

Everyone who is baptised, is called in some way, to work in the vineyard. It is not too late to grab your rake and your hoe.



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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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** who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	7th October 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	8th October 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	10th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	14th October 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	15th October 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	17th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	21st October 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	22nd October 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	24th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	28th October 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	29th October 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	31st October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	4th November 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	5th November 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Reflection for The Twenty—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 8th October 2023

No one can say that Jesus didn't live in a real world. He did! He experienced the ugliness of it himself.

The Gospel parable this Sunday of the wicked vine-dressers, tells us of God's goodness to his people, and their failure to respond in kind. The Gospel contains a challenging truth for all times, all places, and all peoples.

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. But in today's Gospel, we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The landlord is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders, who had been given charge of the vineyard by God.

What sort of fruits did God expect from his people? God looked for peace and got war; for true worship and got idolatry; for justice with one another; and got injustice; for humility and got pride; for wise and godly living and got a pagan lifestyle.

Today, the Word of God calls us to abandon a self-centred way of life and to embrace a mode of living that fosters relational harmony and communion with everyone and everything. It challenges us, his followers, the tenants of the new vineyard (The Church), to produce the fruits of justice, love, and peace. It may be easy enough to criticise the men in this parable at a comfortable distance. But I think Jesus is pointing to a real danger for us also.

For our reflection today we would do well to look at our own lives, and this applies especially to those who are in positions of authority in the Church. Pope Francis has implored our Church to be more missionary and pastoral, and less focussed on doctrine. We are also being challenged to ask ourselves: Are we committed to stand before the truth, in whatever way it affects our life? It's a great privilege, but a great challenge too! John France.

Welcome

Welcome to all our visitors to our Parish of St John Vianney during the school holidays and those new to our Parish. St John Vianney Parish Morisset, was officially formed in 1947, however our Mass centre 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.

Anointing Mass

An Anointing will be held during 9.30am Sunday Mass 15th October. Fr John Purnell will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anybody with an illness, serious or otherwise, who needs healing, may receive the sacrament. After Mass, a 'cuppa and biscuits' will be held in the Callinan Centre – All welcome

Return to School

Students return to SJV on Monday 9th October in their summer uniform.

Tuesday Liturgy

Liturgy will recommence this Tuesday 10th October 9.30am.

PPC Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this coming Wednesday 11th October 9.30am.

Advance Notice

The month of October has five Sundays. This means that on the 5th Sunday weekend, the Vigil Mass (Saturday 28th October) will be celebrated at Cooranbong by Fr John Purnell.

Some Points to Ponder.

Traditions have always been an important dimension of celebrating faith. Each age is a time of special grace, including our age of high technology.

Did you Know?

What happens to unbaptised infants?

There was great uncertainty in the Church for a long time as regards the fate of unbaptised infants, because theologians considered the necessity of the baptism of water too exclusively, from the point of view of its individual importance. Over the course of the centuries the Church has drawn on the ancient treasures of faith, that God wills that all persons should be saved, and this certainly includes children. In view of these truths, unbaptised infants are saved.

From the Catholic Catechism.

#1261 As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,"⁶³ allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.

The Church has effectively buried the concept of limbo, the place where for centuries of tradition and teaching, held that babies who die without baptism went.

Parish Employee & Volunteer Safeguarding Training

Tuesday October 10 | Online Session – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday October 12 | Online Session – 5.30pm to 8.30pm

All parish workers (Employees and Certain Volunteers) are required to attend Course 2: Safeguarding in Parishes within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter. **Volunteers who are unsure please contact the Parish Office to confirm you don't need to do the training.**

This training forms part of the Diocese's mandatory training regime and is specifically designed to support paid and unpaid helpers undertaking a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training targets the safeguarding needs of faith communities. The course will address:

- the Diocese's Safeguarding Framework policy
- indicators of risk and vulnerability
- indicators of abuse and neglect
- boundaries in ministry
- responding to disclosures
- reporting obligations
- contributing to a 'Safe' culture

[Register Here - Course 2 Safeguarding Training](#)

(Adult Altar Servers, Gardening Team, Communion to the Sick, Cemetery Team, Bereavement Team, Funeral Ministers, Sacramental Team, are some of the volunteers that need to do the training)

Safeguarding Standard 5 ROBUST HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

People working with children and adults are suitable and supported to reflect safeguarding values in practice.

Standard 5 addresses the essential Human Resource (HR) practices that underpin a strong safeguarding culture. It aims to provide consistency between current employment relations and best practice HR processes, to ensure that Church personnel are equipped to provide their ministry/service at the highest standard.

A focus on safe recruitment, professional development, ongoing support and supervision of Church personnel enhance risk mitigation.

Morocco Earthquake Appeal

A catastrophic 6.8 magnitude earthquake has struck the Kingdom of Morocco's High Atlas Mountain range, approximately 72km from Marrakech.

Over 2,900 people have been confirmed dead. Thousands of people have been injured, over 1,000 critically.

The time to act is now. Caritas agencies are on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs. Your donation today can help communities affected by the earthquake with vital emergency aid and essential items.

Donate online: www.caritas.org.au/morocco

Christian Meditation

The Contemplative Pathway: Where is Meditation Leading Us?

Meditators are always trying to go into greater silence. John Carroll will explore the benefits of this. There will also be a session on practical ideas for incorporating meditation into a busy life. At St James School Hall, Vista Parade, Kotara On Saturday November 11th, 9.00am to 12 noon. Cost: \$10.00 Morning Tea Provided RSVP: mannecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808

ACU Public Lectures on Liturgy

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present two exciting public lectures by international liturgical scholars:

Renowned liturgical scholar Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a public lecture live via Zoom on Monday 6 November 2023, 10am AEDT on the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy."

Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver a FREE public lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday December 3, 2023, 5pm-6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Further information and registration details for both of these unique and valuable events, and a flyer if desired, can be found above and at the following link:

[News events, and resources - ACU Centre for Liturgy](#) We look forward to welcoming you to these very special events marking this important milestone anniversary. For more information please contact: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for October 2023

That the Church may adopt listening and dialogue as a life-style at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Advent 2023: With Anticipation and Joy

We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. With Anticipation and Joy is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels and associated artworks. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now, and to be changed by it.

To access the resource, go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>

The Chosen Season 3

We invite you to join us in soaking up the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine as we view Season 3 of The Chosen.

The Chosen is a series that brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on 12 October at 6pm in the Murray Room. Viewing of Seasons 1 & 2 is not required. We hope to see you there.

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-3-tickets-702923361697

Alive in the Spirit

The Pastoral Ministry Network is excited to invite you to the annual 'Alive in the Spirit' Event!

After two years of dynamic online gatherings, Alive in the Spirit is thrilled to be gathering for an in-person event on Wednesday 25 October 2023 at Hornsby RSL from 10am - 4pm.

This year's conference will focus on the theme of Communion, Participation, and Mission, which is drawn from the Synod on Synodality. The Synod encourages us to seek new vision, energy, and life for the Catholic Church.

The Pastoral Ministry Network AGM will follow at 4.30pm to top off a great opportunity for networking, growing in faith and sharing our hope for the Church.

Tickets are \$149 for non-members. We encourage you to share this image across your own networks inviting all wanting to be Alive in the Spirit!

For all enquiries, please contact Lisa on 0419 418 547 or email info@aliveinthespirit.com.au

From child soldier to entrepreneur

Please support Caritas Australia's Women for the World Campaign. Your support today can help women like Rosalie create a future with agency and choice, where they can not only survive but thrive.

Donate online at www.caritas.org.au/choice

Caritas Australia Newsletter

The next edition of the Caritas Australia Newsletter is out. You can access it here: <https://www.caritas.org.au/media/gsyfbnmu/your-compassion-in-action-september-2023-digital-1.pdf>

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, Bank Account Name: CCF BSB: 062815 No: 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection or set up a direct debit contact the parish office for this option.

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 deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CCF BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 one of the following Payment References are required by CCF for all deposits: 5004 or 5004 + SURNAME or 5004 + PG + your Giver Number, or 5004 + PG + SURNAME, or you can use the Online Payments 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	P Melvey H White	P Melvey P Robertson
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Robertson J Hutchins	C Lawandos L McRae
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey P Herbert L McRae L McRae	F Pascoe A Dussin K Lendon P Herbert
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey J Lawandos R Lawandos	M Melvey R Lawandos V Paulo C Lawandos
<u>Av</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan T Alexander	J France J France
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon P Melvey K Amon	M Melvey P Melvey K Lendon A Dussin
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	J Scully P Stewart	XXXX A & G Walker

Our Parish supports The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 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 minister and interact with. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding P:02 4979 1390 or email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au, or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (M) - 17TH OCT
SAINT LUKE (F) - 18TH OCT
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE (F) - 28TH OCT
ALL SAINTS (S) - 1ST NOV
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED— 2ND NOV
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO (M) - 4TH NOV
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (F) - 9TH NOV
SAINT LEO THE GREAT (M) - 10TH NOV
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS (M) - 11TH NOV

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

Margo Cluff, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Mary Johnson, Tintumol Thomas, Les Findley, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett.



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

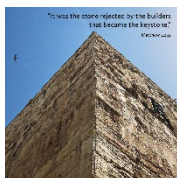
My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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



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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Sunday 08 Oct 2023

The Introductory Rites

Acknowledgement of Country

We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. 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. We especially acknowledge the Awabakal and Darkinjung peoples who were the original custodians of the land this parish sits on.

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
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the stone rejected by the builders: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, your Kingdom is charged to those who bear fruit:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be faithful to your word: 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.

O God

Jesus redeemed the world
and became the cornerstone of the Church.
Help us to listen to what Jesus asks of us.
May our words and deeds bear fruit
and build your holy Church on earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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 Matthew.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. What made the vineyard image so relevant for Jesus' audience?

Q. In what ways has God shown the patience and benevolence of the landowner in the story?

Q. In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the 'landowner'?

Q. How do you think you need to respond personally to the message of this gospel?

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: Sisters and brothers, in thanksgiving and prayer, let us bring our intentions before God.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis will lead the church with wisdom and courage.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That leaders and governments bring peace to all citizens, through fair laws and just decisions.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That like the Lord's vineyard, all land and harvests will bring forth plenty.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the participants in the Synod on Synodality, currently meeting in Rome, will work together in a spirit of prayer and hopefulness as they consider the themes of communion, participation, and mission.

In your mercy::

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That there will be an end to the deadly spiral of violence in Ukraine.

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.

In your mercy::

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That voters will listen to the voice of the God of justice as they prepare to vote in the referendum on the Voice to Parliament.

In your mercy::

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That people affected by natural disasters will not be forgotten as they struggle with the ongoing challenge of rebuilding their lives, homes and businesses.

In your mercy::

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will generously give our time to those in need.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick will be healed through the light of Christ, especially for those we hold dear to us.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will live forever in the Kingdom of God, especially for those who were members of our community and families.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, your Son was the stone rejected by the builders. Hear our prayers and help us to acclaim Christ with thanksgiving and praise. 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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Cooking up kindness: Donation transforms Hamilton South Community Kitchen

As the saying goes, a kitchen is the heart of a home but for CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning kitchens have become the heart of their community.

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With five locations across the Hunter-Manning, the team regularly cooks up kindness and offers food, support, and a smile to people who are going without.

In a recent boost for the Food Programs, the Catholic Community Fund (CCF) donated \$25,000 to refurbish the Hamilton South Community Kitchen.

As a volunteer, CCF Executive Director and Fund Manager Jenny Chung knows just how important the service is.

"It supports some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our community who need a helping hand," she said.

"It feels great knowing that our donation will have a positive impact. The staff in the CCF are really proud of the contribution they can make and so are our members."

CatholicCare Executive Director Gary Christensen is so grateful for the backing.

"The support from the Catholic Community Fund goes a long way to helping us support the vulnerable community of Hamilton South," he said.

"It means we can help this community in the way that we should as a church and in a way that we should as a Catholic organisation."

Social Enterprise Executive Manager Priscilla Scanlon said the new kitchen will make a huge difference to the service.

"In the kitchen, we've installed a new oven and new freezer/fridge facilities and we've got new storage lockers and a bain marie to make it easier to serve hot food," she explained.

"We've made the Kitchen a more secure environment for volunteers to work from."

Gary adds that it will allow the service to expand when ready.

"The upgrade of the kitchen means we can provide hot nutritious meals seven days a week as we build up and increase our volunteer base," he said.

"I just want to thank the CCF for their ongoing support, it's a great partnership, without them we wouldn't be able to do many of the great things we do."



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- Innovation
- Leadership
- Excellence In Teaching
- School Support
- School Community
- First Five Years of Teaching
- Vocational Education Teaching
- Sisters Of St Joseph Lochinvar Education

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The winners will be announced at the Diocesan Called to Serve Mass in early 2024.

