



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C “WORD OF GOD” SUNDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2025**

Dear Parish Family,

*Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.*

When I hear stories around the Sea of Galilee, I look out to our Lake Macquarie and imagine these stories happening by our shores. I'm sure at some point we have all tried to have a go at fishing...I know some people are really good at it, others like me, a bit "hit and miss." Thank goodness for the backup fish and chip shops.

Life as a fisherman was tough in the time of Jesus. You worked hard and you worked very long hours. Sometimes you got a good catch but sometimes it was meagre. Worst part was when the Romans arrived, they put a tax on your catch and so the practice started of working on the Sabbath to keep up with the taxes. Peter and his companions are professional fisherman and do their work at night. Why at night? In the Galilee, the fish would come to the surface at night. This particular night they worked hard and were unsuccessful. So being told by a carpenter to put out their nets during the day doesn't make sense. Peter obeys and is rewarded with a giant catch. Peter's reaction is to find himself unworthy. Happily, Jesus responds with the words *come and follow me*.

Sometimes the Lord will invite us to cast out into deep water, forced to step outside our comfort zone (new job, illness, new situations) where we might encounter things differently, new people, new places and we may be surprised by the ways we will find God there. We have two significant things that happen in the Gospel – Jesus knew that he can't do this alone and that he needs disciples but who does he pick, not the learned nor the clever, but hard working disciples...(I'm not going to say just men because there were just as many courageous women disciples as well who left everything to follow Jesus). Each having a part to play and Jesus seeing the goodness within each disciple, just as he sees it in each and every one of us, his disciples.

What was it that drew these fishermen away from their life, and then over these last Sundays what allowed Simeon to find peace, as he looked upon the infant child; and then those in the synagogue hearing Jesus preach for the first time of God who welcomes and loves all? It is hope! Our Jubilee theme. Pope Francis challenges us to be a different Church, a synodal Church where everyone has a voice at the table. In calling this Jubilee Year, a year of Hope he writes *“HOPE encourages us to look outside ourselves, to embrace authentic beauty, change attitudes that exclude others, overcome life's challenges with courage, and trust that joy and hope are still possible, even in challenging times as the Lord is always with us”*. Great and yet challenging for us as Church today.

The Bishop has called us to participate in the Diocesan jubilee pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass (10am) and a Festival (11am) in the Cathedral precinct grounds on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. We are to make our community known during the pilgrimage with flags and banners. In challenging times, together we will celebrate hope as brothers and sisters united in our faith. More details next weekend.

Have a great week everyone and have a good and safe holiday, Fr Raphael!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

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.

## Josephine Bakhita Feast Day -8th February

(Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking)

The Catholic Church has a strong commitment to eradicating modern slavery. On 1st October 2000 Josephine Bakhita was declared a saint by the Catholic Church and 8th February was established in the Australian Calendar.

The day encourages people to stop for a few moments to say a prayer to God. It also encourages people to learn more about modern forms of slavery and trafficking and reflect on and start conversations about this important issue.

## Sacramental News

Word has been received from the Bishops Office, that Bishop Michael Kennedy will visit our Parish on Friday 25th July to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Morisset Church at 7pm.

## PPC & PFC Meetings.

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council will commence their meeting schedule for 2025, when they meet with Fr Darryl this coming week.

## Formal Installation of Fr Darryl as Parish Priest

Hi everyone, the Bishop would like to formally install me as Parish Priest of the parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset.

The installation takes place within Mass. I have suggested that St Joseph's Toronto be the venue as it's the halfway point of the parishes.

The details are:

St Joseph's Catholic Church 140 Wangi Road Toronto NSW 2283  
Wednesday 12th March 2025 6pm.

Thanks Darryl

## Rostered Ministries

Thank you to everyone who have completed a 'sign up' sheet for the various parish ministries. If you haven't already done so and wish to be part of our ministries, could you complete a form ASAP.

A 'carry over' roster for February will operate in the interim.

Sign-Up Forms are available at the back of the church, or you may complete the Form 'online' at : <https://forms.office.com/r/hk22QHbHqA>

Please note that the sign-up forms are for new sign-ups and all current volunteers.

## Jubilee 2025-Update

### Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year Sunday 2 March

Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass (10am) and a Festival (11am) in the Cathedral precinct grounds. Make your community known during the pilgrimage with flags and banners. The festival will feature an official Launch of Project Compassion 2025 and distribution of resources. All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to have representation and involvement as we mark Pope Francis' theme -Pilgrims of Hope. Explore the stalls of Hope, food vendors and entertainment. Everything is free of charge.

As you probably aware, our parish nominated our St Patrick & St Brigid Church at Cooranbong as a site of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year 2025.

We were successful with our nomination, along with:  
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

The Diocesan Communications and Design team have now been discussing what resources might be possible to supply to each site.

It is envisaged that items will be available for Parish representatives to collect at the Jubilee Launch on Sunday 2 March.

If you would like to go please let us know by putting your name down on the sign up sheet at the back church we hoping to organize a bus.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday officially begins the season of Lent and the Easter Cycle, on any date from February 4 to March 10, depending on the date of Easter.

Ash Wednesday this year will be celebrated on Wednesday 5 March.

## With A Light Heart

### Haunting Questions

When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?

If God sneezes, what should you say?

If vampires can't see their reflections, why is their hair always so neat?

What is a picture of a thousand words worth?

Why does quicksand work slowly?

How fast do hotcakes sell?

Do prison buses have emergency exits?

Why do people never say "It's only a game" when they're winning?

Do you wake up or open your eyes first?

Why do people say "Heads up" when you should duck?

Why is it so hard to remember how to spell "mnemonic"?

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2025

That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March 2025

Southlake's Anglican Church Morisset, will be hosting the 2025 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer, on Friday 7th March.

## 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>



St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Invite you to an: **ANOINTING MASS**  
When: **Thursday, 20 February**  
At: **11:00AM**  
Where: 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

*An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.*  
*You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.*



## **Jubilee Year Launch Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a special event on Sunday 2 March!**

It will start with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach at 8am to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds.

All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope.

This will also include the 2025 Caritas Project Compassion Lenten Appeal launch.

For more information, visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025)

### **FAITH MATTERS: Hope does not disappoint**

The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope has arrived!

Rosemary McAllister PUBLISHED February 04, 2025

As Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, the evening of 24 December 2024, he ushered in the widely anticipated 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

In his homily Pope Francis said, 'Sisters and brothers, this is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord. The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation. Dear sister, dear brother, on this night the "holy door" of God's heart lies open before you. Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you, for me, for us, for every man and woman. And remember that with him, joy flourishes; with him, life changes; with him, hope does not disappoint.' [1]

The title of the Papal Bull for the Jubilee year, "Spes Non Confudit," meaning "Hope Does Not Disappoint," is derived from the Apostle Paul's address of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome during the 1st Century.

'Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' [2]

In the Papal Bull Pope Francis writes, 'Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.' [3]

We are excited that the Diocesan Launch for the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope will take place on Sunday 2 March. We will commence the day at Foreshore Park at 8am (across the road from Nobby's beach) with a blessing from Bishop Michael and then walk together as pilgrims on a journey to the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass will commence at 10am with a festival to follow. The Caritas Project Launch will occur during the festival, there will be several stalls promoting the great opportunities for the Jubilee Year, which include local and international pilgrimage

and other great experiences.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we come together to listen, share and learn from one another as pilgrims of hope. If you would like to share a good news story of hope from your community during the Jubilee Year please contact me at [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

[1] Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass, Pope Francis, 24 Dec 2024, Vatican website, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html>,

[2] Romans 5:1-5, NRSVCE, Bible Gateway, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%205%3A1-5&version=NRSVCE>

[3] Spes Non Confudit, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, Pope Francis, 9 May 2024, Vatican website, [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confudit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confudit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

### **Baptism Preparation**

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 seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register your interest to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/DwDQgaUe6A>

### **2025- Lenten Reflection- Journey of Hope**

Lent is often portrayed as a journey from one point in time to another, this time allows us to deeply reflect internally so our external actions imitate the resurrection and living God. Lent is a penitential period when we attempt to develop an awareness of sin and our need for penance and forgiveness. This journey assists us in our transformation as we move from one state to another, a state that is renewed by hope in the Paschal Mystery, so we truly understand why the risen Jesus matters.

As we enter Lent during the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, let us use this time as an opportunity to reflect and seek forgiveness so we can experience the unlimited nature of God's Mercy.

You are invited to use this resource to reveal the mystery of God each week through the scriptures, faith sharing, and consider how we are called to be constant companions in the journey of hope.

To access the resource, go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/7345/0007121-dio-2024-lenten-program-web-v2.pdf>

### **Register Your Interest for the 2025 National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Tri-Annual Assembly**

Every three years, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) hosts a National Tri-Annual Assembly. In 2025, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is honoured to host this gathering on the lands of the Wonnarua people at Rydges Hunter Valley from Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October 2025.

With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," inspired by Pope Francis' Jubilee Year, this Assembly promises to be a meaningful event. The success of the assembly relies heavily on the Host Diocese and our generosity and/or attendance.

Complete this form to register your interest in attending or volunteering: <https://forms.office.com/r/5XDUHy3Vrc>

Enquiries can be sent to [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

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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	P Melvey D Peterson	M Lawrence S Matthew
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan D Whitten	J France J Hutchins
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey C Tonkin A Dussin	P Melvey A Walker G Walker
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson R & C Lawandos	J Foo J Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France E Lawandos	J Vipan D Peterson
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon C Lawandos	K Lendon H White
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	J Scully A Walker G Walker	XXXX B Hutcheson



**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

- SAINT JEROME EMILIANI (OM) - 8TH FEB
- SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (OM) - 8TH FEB
- SAINT SCHOLASTICA (M) - 10TH FEB
- OUR LADY OF LOURDES (OM) - 11TH FEB
- SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS (M) - 14TH FEB
- THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (OM) - 17TH FEB
- SAINT PETER DAMIAN (OM) - 21ST FEB
- THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER (F) - 22ND FEB
- SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK (OM) - 27TH FEB

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

Colin Stewart, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Francisco, Bernadette Martin, Ruth Long rsj, Carmel Hanson rsj.

**Remembrance:** Maria Bosdari, John Tome, Peter Tome.



**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

- Saturday 8th February 5pm  
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 9th February 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Friday 14th February 10.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 15th February 5pm  
Family Mass—Morisset
- Sunday 16th February 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 22nd February 5pm  
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 23rd February 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset

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*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)*

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## 10 Questions about the Jubilee Year

### What is the 2025 Jubilee Year all about? Find out below!

Fiona Duque PUBLISHED February 04, 2025

#### What is a Jubilee Year?

Jubilees are wonderful celebrations of significant milestones. You probably hear it most when people are talking about years of marriage. Catholic Jubilee Years encompass many practices and rituals. Pilgrims undertake journeys, often travelling to significant holy sites. The ritual opening of the Holy Door by the Pope. The focus on reconciliation allows forgiveness and healing. Liturgy and prayer offer moments of reflection, devotion communal worship, and strengthening of faith and beliefs that reinforce renewal and transformation that are central themes to the Jubilee Year.

#### What does the Bible say?

In Leviticus 25:10, we read that a jubilee is rooted in the idea of remission and universal pardon. The Jubilee Year in Jewish tradition is indeed a time of great joy and forgiveness. It marks the 50th year, during which debts are forgiven, enslaved people are freed, and land is returned to its original owners. The Jewish people call it Yovel, named after the ram's horn, that is blown signifying its start.

#### Why does the Catholic Church celebrate Jubilee Years?

The establishment of the first jubilee or "Holy Year" by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 was a significant moment in history and continues to be so for the Catholic Church. The jubilee signifies a period of special grace and celebration. The fundamental idea remains the same as it does for the Jewish people – remission, renewal, and reconciliation. It also encompasses broader themes of solidarity, hope, and justice. It's a call to serve with joy and to live in peace with one another, and the opportunity for a deeper connection with God's grace.

#### When is it celebrated?

Within the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilees have generally been celebrated every 25 or 50 years, with extraordinary jubilees in addition depending on what needs there might be in the world. For example, Pope Francis called an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. This year's Jubilee started on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. It will finish on 6 January 2026 the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

#### How is it launched?

Within the Catholic Church, it is the opening of this Holy Door that is a threshold moment that holds deep symbolic meaning within the context of the Jubilee. The act of the Pope opening the door is a powerful moment, marking the start of the Holy Year and inviting the faithful to partake in the blessings and graces associated with it. It is a beautiful expression of the

transformative power of faith and the hope it brings to millions worldwide.

#### Why is pilgrimage an important aspect of the Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is a profound year of grace, mercy and conversion involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. It calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. It's a journey that nourishes the soul and brings the pilgrim closer to God, and the call God has on their life. Therefore, a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year can be a profoundly enriching practice that encompasses personal transformation, communal faith, historical continuity, and spiritual renewal.

#### What is the theme of this year's Jubilee?

In Pope Francis' Papal Bull (a proclamation issued by the Pope) announcing the Jubilee Year, the initial words were 'hope does not disappoint'. And so, the call is to be Pilgrims of Hope (official theme) and in the words of Pope Francis: "A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life." And in the words of Bishop Michael: "When we journey, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves by allowing God's grace to touch us."

#### How can I get involved?

First and foremost, on Sunday 2 March there will be the Diocesan Launch. This will be a fantastic day of community where everyone from across the Diocese is invited to a pilgrimage, Mass and festival. On this day, more information will be available about other significant events on the calendar. There is also the opportunity to receive a Pilgrim Passport for those wishing to make the journey to as many of our local pilgrimage sites as possible. Read on to find out more...

#### What are the larger events on the calendar?

On 6 April, join with other churches in our area as we walk The Way of the Cross. On 8 Aug, there will be an aMeN caMiNo Experience for those who would like to support our Camino pilgrims. There is also an amazing opportunity to pilgrim with Bishop Michael following in the footsteps of St Paul and visiting Rome from 25 Sept-11 Oct. The NATSICC Assembly will be on 29 Sept-3 Oct, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival on 30 Nov-2 Dec in Melbourne. For more information, email: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

#### Where are our local pilgrimage sites?

Bishop Michael particularly wishes to highlight parish communities who have offered their Churches as sites of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. The official sites are as follows: 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, Our Lady of the Rosary Church-Taree and Saints Patrick & Brigid-Cooranbong (you could make this last one part of your support to the Camino pilgrims). Keep watching for more events to follow as the year goes on...

#### Join us!

Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a special event on Sunday 2 March!

It will start with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach at 8am to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds.

All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025)

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## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday 09 Feb 2025

### The Introductory Rites

#### Gathering

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

A short hymn might be sung.

#### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

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

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you summon all to follow you: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are our teacher and guide: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you show us God's mercy: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

#### Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Almighty God  
your light shines brightly  
like a city on a hill-top.  
May our good works  
light up the world  
with your goodness and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

##### First Reading

###### Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

##### Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

#### Second Reading

##### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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 5:1-11**

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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: Brothers and Sisters, let us bring our prayers before God, the holy Lord of hosts.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will lead the Church following in Christ, the way and the truth for all people. In your mercy:

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

Reader: That missionaries and religious will be guided in their work of spreading the Good News to all nations.

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That all who work on oceans, lakes and rivers will be securely protected in the Lord’s care.

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That our parish community will follow in Christ’s mission to announce the Word to all unbelievers.

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those affected by floods and other disasters will receive the help they urgently need, and ongoing support as they rebuild their lives.

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That through the Lord, all who are sick will find an increased strength of soul.

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those who have died will be forever in the sight of the angels.

In your mercy:

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

Leader: Loving God, through your Son the followers of Christ heard your words of life. Hear our prayers today, and help us to be witnesses to your word by leaving all that we own to follow your Son. 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

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