



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 25 SEP 2022**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus uses real 'life-and-death' images, to convey his message. Jesus wants us to be shocked and disturbed, and to make us gasp. The Scripture readings challenge us against a tendency towards self-centered living and indifference.*

*Where do we hear the cry of the poor today? God is not asking anyone to solve all the problems. But God is surely asking us to make a contribution.*

*Unfortunately we are part of a fragmented culture, a throwaway culture, that is tarnished by the exclusion of everything that might threaten the interests of a few.*

*We must humbly and boldly address the challenge of our time and build a healthier Church for our children and future generations. This calls for a Mary-like deep discernment, and courageous action rather than fear, and defense of the status quo.*

*So today we pray, 'Father, may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.*



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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2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France	Sat & Sun

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**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	24th September 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	25th September 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	27th September 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	1st October 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	2nd October 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	4th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

**TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

**WE ENCOURAGE**

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

**Friendly Reminder for Rostered Ministries**

Could everyone please check your roster and the bulletin to see when you are rostered on. If you are unavailable to do your rostered ministry please organise a swap with someone.

Copies of the spring Aurora are available at the back of the church.

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**REFLECTION FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR C – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022**

We should be shaken out of our complacency and self-satisfaction, both as individuals and as a country, by the Scripture readings today.

In Luke's Gospel we meet again two familiar characters: the rich man, living his indulgent and sumptuous life style, totally oblivious to the suffering of the desperate Lazarus outside his gate. The rich man was not necessarily a bad man – he probably observed all the purity laws required by his faith - but he was found wanting by God. Lazarus, who had nothing but suffering and deprivation, was found acceptable to God. This is a complete reversal of the value our secular society places on individuals. It becomes clear that we are to be judged, not just for the offences we commit, but for the good we fail to do.

Paul tells Timothy (and us) that, as followers of Christ, we need to be 'filled with faith and love, patient and gentle... to fight the good fight of the Faith' if we are to win for ourselves the eternal life which has been promised. At the end time we will each be judged.

When the rich man begged Abraham to allow him to warn his brothers, the unbridgeable divide became apparent. Abraham responds, "They have Moses and the prophets. If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The prophet Amos had sounded a warning to the people of his time that they needed to change their behaviours so that they would be in a right relationship with God and each other, but went unheeded. We have the advantage of knowing Christ, of hearing his teachings, of seeing his suffering and death for our sake and his glorious Resurrection. Yet are we any better? We still make mistakes, but we know God's love and forgiveness is there. We can call on his strength to help us make an intentional choice in the days ahead to focus more on the needs of others, rather than our own.

We can try to learn more about the social justice activities of our Church. Is there a contribution we can make to the wonderful work that is being done in our local area or Diocese?

However, this need to be aware of the needs of others extends far beyond our own borders. When we consider the plight of refugees, of those impacted by climate change and war, of those who live in substandard housing, without electricity, clean water and sewerage, we can see how blessed we are in this country, although many are doing it tough. What can we do to encourage our governments to do more?

Father Richard Leonard concludes his homily for today very powerfully:

*Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness towards Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.*

Pam Melvey



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our St John Vianney Church Morisset on Friday 14th October at 7pm and Friday 21st October at 7pm. We ask that you keep our children who are preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

**2023 YEAR A LITURGICAL BOOK ORDER**

The Parish is placing its annual Liturgical Book Order Soon.

If you would like to Order: Break Open the Word 2023, 2023 Daily Mass Book, God's Word 2023, 2023 Ordo, or a Community Bible, complete the online form by using the button on the homepage of the Parish website by 11pm on Sunday 2nd October or pick up a form at the back of the church and return it by Sunday 2nd October or call the Parish Office by Friday 30th September.

**A DAY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

As the liturgical calendar leads to Year A and the Gospel of Matthew, we are excited to have

Dr Michele Connolly rsj Associate Professor of Biblical Studies Catholic Institute of Sydney, visit the Diocese.

The day will include both presentation and discussion around the literary structure, organisation, history and intended audience of the Gospel of Matthew.

Issues for Interpretation, comparison with other Synoptic Gospels; the ancient historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds and Matthew's prominent themes will be explored.

Several pieces of scripture will be unpacked and interpreted on the day.

**Date:** Thursday 10 November **Time:** 9:00AM – 3:30PM

**Where:** Victor Peters Suit, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

**Cost:** \$25 (includes Morning tea and Lunch)

Registration: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-on-the-gospel-of-matthew-tickets-413966584197](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-on-the-gospel-of-matthew-tickets-413966584197)

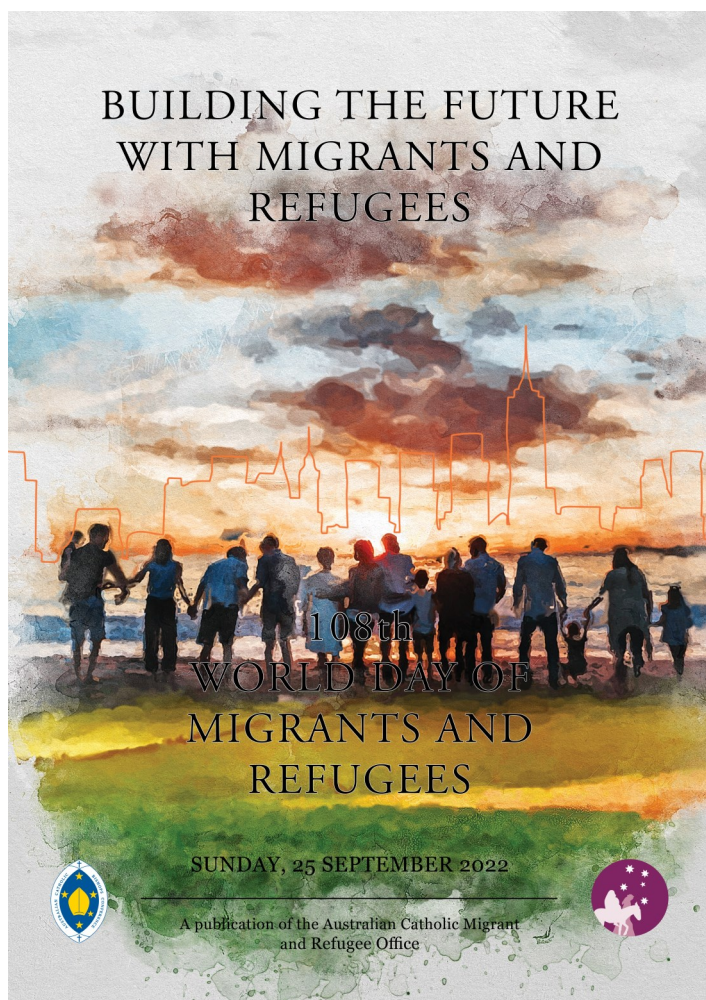
**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:**

**BR. DAMIAN PRICE RETREAT**

The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People is hosting a retreat on Saturday 29 October 2022 with Br Damian Price. Attending guests will have the option to attend a second Strategic Vision Planning Day on Sunday 30 October from 10am-3pm at the Newcastle Diocese Meeting Rooms. Br Damian Price is a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province; he has worked in youth ministry for years. The retreat will be based on the following words from Pope Francis:

*"An evangelising community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelisers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. An evangelising community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be."*





### **SEASON OF CREATION SHORT FILM SCREENING**

Join us to view the winners of the short film competition and to listen to the voices of those who recognise injustices in our world and have a desire to be heard.

During Season of Creation 2022 we are being urged to care for planet earth and care for our brothers and sisters. Whose voices have been muted? Whose voices need to be heard?

We are excited to showcase these winning 2022 Season of Creation short films that recognise the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land.

These films help us to consider our call to action. Where do we feel the calling to act for those who are voiceless? How can these films help us to feel equipped for the call to action?

**Date:** Saturday 15 October

**Time:** 2:00PM – 4:00PM

**Venue:** St Pius X High School, Park Ave, Adamstown

**To register:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-short-film-screening-tickets-415042472207](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-short-film-screening-tickets-415042472207)

### **NEWCASTLE FAITHS4CLIMATEJUSTICE MULTI-FAITH SERVICE**

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) invites you to attend a Multi-faith Service on 13 October at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tighes Hill from 10am to 11am. It will be one of many services being hosted across Australia, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples. The service will involve readings, prayers, meditation, music and chanting from a range of religious traditions, aligned with the above themes. Go to [www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022](http://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022) for more info.

### **MENTAL HEALTH BREAKFAST**

The Diocesan Social Justice Council, invites you to its annual Mental Health Breakfast. The event celebrates National Mental Health Month. This year's theme is BUILDING RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS. Guest speakers from the State Emergency Service (SES) and The Rosewood Centre, will share their experiences working in our community to support people going through difficult times. Hear how these connections with others have helped build them up and keep them mentally strong. For more information or to book your spot, visit: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-social-justice-council-mental-health-breakfast-2022-tickets-413804058077](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-social-justice-council-mental-health-breakfast-2022-tickets-413804058077)

### **aMeN caMiNo INFORMATION SESSION**

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard.

Dates for 2023: June 17-21, July 8-12 & August 5-9

An online Information Session for people interested in attending the aMeN caMiNo in 2023 will be hosted on 9 November from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-2022-tickets-412683817407>

### **WAITING FOR PURPOSE**

As we continue our synodal journey we invite you to a period of waiting this Advent through connecting with each other in prayer and reflection. Our Diocesan Advent Reflection will be available from October 2022.

## **108<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer**

**Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness,  
your light may shine,**

**and where there is discouragement,  
confidence in the future may be reborn.**

**Lord, make us instruments of your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may  
flourish,  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may  
grow.**

**Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.**

**Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.**

**Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022  
FRANCIS**

### **SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION**

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

### **SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2ND COLLECTION**

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

<u><b>WEEKEND ROSTERS</b></u>			
		<u><b>THIS WEEK</b></u>	<u><b>NEXT WEEK</b></u>
<u><b>Presiders</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u><b>PROCLAIMERS:</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Foo K Amon	U France H White
<u><b>PSALMIST:</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	F Dunn J Hutchins	P Robertson P Melvey
<u><b>GIFTS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan K Lendon P Melvey A Dussin	A Dussin L McArdle A Walker G Walker
<u><b>SERVERS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France M Melvey	M Melvey V Paulo
<u><b>AV</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	F Dunn D Joyce	J Vipan M Foo
<u><b>SOUND / VIDEO</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	G Hutchison J France	L Hutchinson J France
<u><b>WELCOMERS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	TBA TBA	A Sillience TBA
<u><b>COVID TEAM</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Robertson L Hutchinson A Walker G Walker	J France P Herbert K Lendon K Amon
<u><b>COVID CLEAN- ING</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	All available Covid team members	All available Covid team members
<u><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b></u>	COOR MOR	F Thompson L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	XXXX B Hutcheson P Robertson

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL— 27TH SEPTEMBER  
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL— 29TH SEPTEMBER  
SAINT JEROME— 30TH SEPTEMBER  
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS— 1ST OCTOBER  
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI— 4TH OCTOBER  
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY— 7TH OCTOBER  
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS— 15TH OCTOBER  
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH— 17TH OCTOBER  
SAINT LUKE— 18TH OCTOBER  
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE— 28TH OCTOBER

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

Fiona McAlinden, Stephen McKay, June Purcell,  
Jeremy McMullen, Josie Scully, Harry Goldman,  
Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, John Francisco,  
Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Koby Smith, Patricia Jones.



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

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

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



### **2023 YEAR A LITURGICAL BOOK ORDERS**

Please order via the online form available by clicking on the button on the home page of the parish website. Forms for those who don't have online access are at the back of the Church.



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



## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Sunday 25 Sep 2022

#### The Introductory Rites

##### 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022

Today we celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We remember the difficult journeys that people have to make, and how hard it can be to start again in a new country.

We also remember the gifts of all the different cultures and how they have enriched our lives in Australia.

Pope Francis calls this “beautiful diversity”. In his letter for the World Day, he asks us to build the future together with migrants and refugees, a place of inclusion and harmony, so it ends up looking just like the Kingdom of God.

##### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as Australia’s First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work to build a stronger, more equitable, kinder society that values children, young people, families and individuals.

We honour the wisdom of and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the spiritual culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is located on the traditional lands of the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Kamilaroi, Wiradjuri, Wonnarua and Worimi people.

This diocese acknowledges the important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation and care of the land on which we live. We acknowledge our Traditional Custodians’ continual spiritual and cultural connection to Country. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as having been on this land for over 60,000 years.

*This is the acknowledgement made in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan launched on 18 August 2022.*

#### Gathering

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

##### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

#### Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one,  
and strengthens us  
by the power of his Spirit.

All:

**Blessed be God forever.**

#### Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,  
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,  
we gather in God’s name  
for when two or more come together  
God is always with us.  
We worship in union with the whole Church  
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

#### Opening Rite

##### Litany Of Praise

Leader:

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

*A brief period of silence follows.*

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you suffered for our sake: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you give us the gift of faith: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to live: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:

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

All:

**All: Amen.**

#### Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

*All pause for silent prayer.*

Almighty God  
you lift us up  
and showed us the path to eternal life.



May the Spirit of Jesus fill our hearts  
so that we may always be ready  
to choose what is right and good.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

**Am 6:1. 4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan

but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

**1 Tm 6:11-16**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

**Lk 16:19-31**

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not

all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”  
‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

*Reader:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All are seated.*

### Reflection on the Word

Q. Is this story told to simply scare people into doing the right thing?

Q. Is the man condemned to Hades for being rich or for something else?

Q. If a society is measured by its treatment of the poorest, how would you rate our country?

Q. How is it possible to get ‘distracted’ by wealth and possessions?

Q. How would you define ‘justice’?

### 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, it is the Lord who keeps faith forever. As we give witness to the values of the source of all life, we turn to God in trust.

Reader: That Pope Francis and the universal Church, will build the Reign of God alongside migrants, refugees, and all who are on the peripheries of our world.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That the Church will work vigorously to ease the gap between the wealthy and the poor.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That nations will be mindful of their obligations and responsibilities to the global community.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That our government and civil leaders, will prioritise care and compassion for those who seek a welcome in our land, and release those who are unjustly imprisoned and create a society of inclusion and equality.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That the poor and afflicted will be met with generosity and concern.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those who have migrated to Australia, and their families, will not be despised or ignored, but appreciated for their gifts and invited to share their lives and experiences.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That we will pursue devotion, gentleness and patience and walk in the ways of the Lord.

*(pause)*

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those who have come to Australia seeking asylum or safety, will be treated with gentleness, and supported to heal from their trauma, and embraced in their rich diversity.

(pause)

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That the sick will be healed in health and spirit, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those who have died will receive their eternal reward, including those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

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

Leader: God of the poor, you reach out to all people and provide for their needs. Hear our prayers and open our eyes to see you more clearly in every human person. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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### The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

All:

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

### The Concluding Rite Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord be with us  
and protect us  
now and for ever.

**All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.**

All:

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Leader:

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

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

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