



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



### **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 05 FEBRUARY 2023**

*In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say to his disciples, 'You are salt of the earth, you are the light of the world.'*

*What does it mean to be salt, a light of the world, a city built on a mountain? Today's readings remind us that, as baptised Christians, we can't hide. We can't be followers in name only.*

*Christians/Catholics are not meant to insulate themselves from the world. The Catholic Church, especially since the Second Vatican Council, committed itself to transform the world by engagement rather than by opposition.*

*It declared that the joys, hopes, anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor and the afflicted, are the joys, hopes, anxieties of the followers of Christ.*

*The early Christians understood this and showed to the world a way forward in how they lived, how they related, how they shared resources. In the face of a fractured society, they shone as a community of inclusivity, hospitality and justice.*

*Let us go forward in our mission, to make a difference in the world,*



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.

#### **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

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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 (PPC) who are: Juliet Hutchins, Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	4th February 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	5th February 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	7th February 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	11th February 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	12th February 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	14th February 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

**We are back to walk in at all services.**

We are still recording our Sunday Services and placing them on our Website and Facebook page for you to view if you are sick and unable to attend services.

**TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WE ENCOURAGE :**  
**MASK WEARING ,**  
**PHYSICAL DISTANCING,**  
**HAND SANITISING,**  
**And STAYING HOME IF SICK**

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**5TH FEB 2023-5TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say to his disciples, 'You are salt of the earth, you are the light of the world.'

In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving food. So too was light, for obvious reasons.

When Jesus used these two images, he was telling his disciples that they had a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds.

As Christians/Catholics, we have a duty to influence our society according to the principles and values of the Gospel. We are called to make a difference in the world in which we live. Each of us must look at our own situation and ask ourselves how can we practice Christianity.

We live in dark times. War and terrorism, climate change, social upheaval, racial tensions, wealth inequality and many other issues confront us every day. When Jesus tells us to let our light shine before people, he doesn't mean that we should advertise our good deeds, much less crow about them.

Many people speak these days of the culture of depression. Society somehow, having so much, is anxious. It embraces darkness, the darkness of bullying, drugs, violence, and meanness.

As Catholics we must reclaim what Christ stands for, or we will forfeit our mission of being the light of the world. -(John France)

**FIFTH SUNDAYS**

As you are aware, the Parish Vigil Mass is celebrated at Morisset on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month, and at Cooranbong on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Month, the Vigil is also celebrated at Cooranbong. The question has been asked, how does the 'Fifth Sunday' work in relation to Mass being celebrated at Cooranbong, when it is the Fourth Saturday? The Universal Mass schedule follows that the Vigil is attached to the Sunday that is being celebrated, and considered part of that Sunday.

**FORMATION FOR MINISTRY 2023:**

This year as we hopefully begin to return to more normal life as a worshipping community, we are planning to hold regular "Formation" sessions for the various Ministries which help us worship as a community. Some of our Ministries are Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Presenter of the Gifts, Welcomers, Audio Visual and Sound. Those who wish to learn more about any of these ministries and take up the job, now is your opportunity to do so. For those of us already actively involved in Ministry, it is an ideal opportunity to revise and upskill. I find it amazing that, each time I undergo formation, just what I missed last time. It is humbling at times to realise that I don't know everything- there is always more to learn. Isn't that just like normal life? We always learn, get deeper insights, as we grow older! OR perhaps we should! Once we have experienced the formation and learned from each other, we will have the opportunity to discern if this is what we wish to do, then when we are ready, we will be Commissioned in that Ministry for a two-year period, after which we will receive further formation.

**ANOINTING MASS**

An anointing Mass will be held at 11am on Thursday 16th February 2023 at St Joseph's Toronto 140 Wangi Rd Toronto, followed by morning tea. All Welcome.



**2023 WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

Word of God Sunday February 5, 2023. On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis instituted the celebration last year when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The Australian bishops, in light of the regular coincidence of the Australia Day holiday or associated long weekend with the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, decided to choose another date to mark the occasion. Consequently, the Church in Australia will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, which is February 6 in 2022 (this Sunday). Pope Francis launched an appeal to all the faithful to keep the Sacred Scriptures close at all times and to read them frequently. Let us pray so that more Catholics would get to read, know, listen, and live the Word of God, so indispensable in our relationship with our Lord, through the guidance of the Sacred Tradition. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**FR JOSEPH FIGURADO**

Last Tuesday parishioners met with Fr Joseph Figurado, our new Priest Supervisor, for a 'Cuppa and Conversation', after Mass. Fr Joseph is from a poverty-stricken fishing family in Sri Lanka. He grew up surrounded by the ethnic war that ravaged Sri Lanka for more than 35 years. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006 and ministered in Sri Lanka for 10 years. He arrived in Australia in 2017, and was appointed Parish Priest of Blackbutt South, in March 2021.

He was appointed to the role of Priest Supervisor of Morisset in January 2023, to replace Fr Geoff Mulhearn who, after many years, retired from the role. As Fr Joseph is currently the Parish Priest of Blackbutt South Parish (Cardiff, Kotara, Adamstown) most of his time will be there. However, he did indicate that he would spend as much time at Morisset as the PPC determined was needed.

Fr John Purnell will remain as the Sacramental Priest and look after most of the 'Priestly Roles' in the Parish.



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER**

**INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**PINTS WITH A PURPOSE**

The first "Pints with a Purpose" for 2023 will be held on Monday 06/02/2023 between 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, at: Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont St, Hamilton keep up to date with guest speakers and dates via facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MNcatholicyouth/>



### **PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH**

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2023 Time: 10:15am for 10:30am – 12:30pm Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Followed by complimentary pancakes in The Southern Cross Hall

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will be launching the Caritas Australia Project Compassion Lenten Appeal at a special Shrove Tuesday Liturgy presided by Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Greg Barker.

In 2023, we are being called to step up and make a difference “For All Future Generations”.

Our world is hurting. With escalating conflicts, rising cost of living, poverty, homelessness, climate crisis, loneliness, re-gathering in a post Covid world, we want and need to make a difference. Lent comes as an opportunity to prepare our hearts to be more compassionate, more generous, and more loving of our neighbours.

As a community of communities, we welcome and invite all members of our Clergy, Leaders, Chaplains, School Leaders, Students, Parishioners, Religious Orders, Catholic organisations, staff across our Diocese and wider community to gather “For all Future Generations” this Lent. All in attendance will be called up to receive a project compassion appeal box during the Liturgy.

To commemorate Shrove Tuesday and the launch of Project Compassion, pancakes will then be served in The Southern Cross Hall for all.

Please RSVP your attendance by using Eventbrite at:

<https://PC2023.eventbrite.com.au> or by email to Kate

[kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au) We look forward to seeing you there.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our Morisset Conference is currently enrolling new members into our team. If you are interested & able to help us in our work of assisting our local needy people, please approach one of our members after Mass. Thankyou Monica Gray

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

Is held on the first Friday in March each year, people in over 170 countries, join in a service prepared by of a different country, to celebrate both unity in Christ and our diversity in culture. This year Bonnells Bay Salvation Army 188 Station St Bonnells Bay are hosting the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 3rd, 2023 at 10am The host country for 2023 is Taiwan.

### **SACRED @ SEVEN**

Sacred @ Seven is held to attract young people for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a time for prayer, a reading of the Gospel and a time for reflection both in silence and with music. It is an opportunity for young people to draw aside in a judgement free space; exploring the hidden treasures of spending time together with each other and with the Lord and allowing the Word of God to speak to hearts.

Join Fr. Peter Street, Parish Priest of Forster-Tuncurry as he presides over the first Sacred @ Seven in 2023.

Date: Wednesday 15 February 2023 Time: 7:00pm

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West \*\*opportunity for a shared meal following the event\*\*

Enquiries or RSVP: Kate [kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au)

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### **POPE FRANCIS NAMES NEW BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE**

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Michael Kennedy, currently the Bishop of Armidale, as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Pope Francis made the official announcement at noon in Rome (10pm local time) on Thursday 2 February 2023.

Noting the appointment follows the untimely death of Bishop Bill Wright in November 2021, Bishop Kennedy said, “I willingly and heartily accept this new appointment, knowing that like all new endeavours, it will hold both joys and challenges. To be the chief pastor leading a Diocese in worship, teaching, evangelisation, and governance is an awesome privilege and responsibility.”

“I am now looking forward to meeting and getting to know the priests and the people of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.”

Bishop Kennedy was born in Wagga Wagga and educated in Catholic schools. He gained a Diploma in Education from the Sydney Catholic College of Education and taught for several years at Xavier Catholic College in Albury, before commencing seminary studies at Vianney College in rural New South Wales. In 1994 he continued his academic studies in Rome, attaining a Licentiate in Sacred Theology and a Diploma in Mariology.

Ordained a priest in 1999, Bishop Kennedy has held a variety of positions across New South Wales, most recently serving as the Bishop of Armidale, a position he has held since 2011. Bishop Kennedy has also previously served in roles across education and as the Director of Vocations, reflecting his commitment to his motto ‘Euntes Docete’ (Go out and teach).

In announcing this appointment, it is noted Fr Greg Barker stays on in the position as the Diocesan Administrator until Bishop Kennedy is installed in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Fr Greg said, “I know you will join with me in congratulating Bishop Michael and, that with much joy we will welcome him to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as our Bishop.”

“Bishop Michael is keen to meet us as soon as possible. His plan is to be in the Diocese next week for a short visit to meet, in the first instance, with the priests and then to meet those who are from our leadership and governance.”

“It has been my pleasure to serve this Diocese as the Diocesan Administrator for the last 14 months. I look forward to my next chapter and our journey together with Bishop Michael.”

A date for the Oath of Office, Profession of Faith and Taking of Possession has not yet been set.



### **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, the Diocese App, Bank Account Name: CCF BSB: 062815 No: 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection or set up a direct debit arrangement (contact the parish office for this).

### **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 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and your Giver Number or 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 on how planned giving works please contact the Parish Office.

### **WEEKEND ROSTERS**

		<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	J Vipan M Foo	J Vipan R Hay
<u><b>PSALMIST:</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France L McRae	K Lendon D Joyce
<u><b>GIFTS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Herbert J Andersen J Hutchins K Amon	F Dunn K Dunn 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	R McArdle J France	J France M Foo
<u><b>SOUND / VIDEO</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson J France	U France J France
<u><b>WELCOMERS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	A Sillence TBA	TBA TBA
<u><b>COVID TEAM</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson R Hay K Lendon T Alexander	P Herbert P Melvey K Amon B Hutcheson
<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	XXXX B Hutcheson P Robertson	J Scully P Herbert T Alexander

*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)).*

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

SAINT SCHOLASTICA— 10TH FEBRUARY  
SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS— 14TH FEBRUARY  
ASH WEDNESDAY— 22ND FEBRUARY  
SAINT POLYCARP— 23RD FEBRUARY  
RITE OF ELECTION— 26TH FEBRUARY  
EMBER DAY— 3RD MARCH  
SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY— 7TH MARCH  
SAINT PATRICK— 17TH MARCH  
SAINT JOSEPH— 19TH MARCH  
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD— 25TH MARCH

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

Peter Martyn, Brian Grogan, Fiona McAlinden, Stephen McKay, June Purcell, Jeremy McMullen, Harry Goldman, Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, John Francisco, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Koby Smith.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rita Fitzpatrick



### **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.



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**SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**Sunday 05 Feb 2023**

**The Introductory Rites**

**Word of God Sunday**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – This year we celebrate it on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

One of the primary ways in which we can honour God’s Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God’s Word applies to our lives.

**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 and live. Our Parish of St John Vianney Morisset is located on the traditional lands of the Awabakal and Darkinjung people. We honour and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the spiritual culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

**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 are the salt of the earth: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you empower the weak and fearful: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your light breaks forth like the dawn: 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  
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**

**Is 58:7-10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, ‘I am here.’  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,

and your shadows become like noon.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

### Second Reading

**1 Cor 2:1-5**

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

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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.**

**Mt 5:13-16**

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

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

All are seated.

### Reflection on the Word

Q. Why do you think this particular teaching by Jesus immediately follows the Beatitudes?

Q. How might Jesus' reference to salt becoming tasteless fit with the understanding of a call to justice?

Q. In what way/s have you seen this familiar passage with new eyes today?

Q. What challenge for your own actions do you find in today's 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: Dear sisters and brothers, having heard God's life-giving Word on this Day of the Lord, let us be open now to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we pray for the needs of the Church, the world and our local community.

Reader: We pray for all servants of God's Word in the Church, particularly Pope Francis, and all members of the clerical, religious and lay apostolates: that they will always promote the proclamation of the Gospel and the practice of Christian virtue in their ministries.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: We pray for all leaders in government and the legal profession, especially those who solemnly swear on God's Word to speak the truth from their heart: that their words and

example will inspire others towards honesty and integrity of life.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: We pray for all who research, teach and publish God's Word in our world: that their study, formation and resources will be fruitful in helping more people to know, love and serve the Lord.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: We pray for all proclaim and preach the Word of God in our communities: that they will always treasure the opportunity to be formed by God's Word and to use their gifts to bring this Word to life in the liturgy and in the lives of those close to them.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit: that they will never lose hope in God but place their trust in him, and find comfort, consolation and healing in the words of his Son.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: We pray for all who have died recently or whose anniversaries of death occur around this time, especially those who were members of our community, families and friends, that they will rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day.  
We pray to the Lord.

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

Leader: Gracious and loving God, source of all wisdom and love, we ask you to hear the prayers we make this day in response to your life-giving Word. We make these prayers through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**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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# Caritas Australia's **PROJECT COMPASSION** Launch

Shrove Tuesday, 21 February 2023



The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will launch Caritas Australia's Project Compassion on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February 2023. The Theme **For All Future Generations** reminds us that what we do today can have a significant impact on our future generations.

As part of the Liturgy, students, parishes and agencies within the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese\* will be called forward to receive their 2023 Project Compassion Box and Commissioning from Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Greg Barker.

Complimentary pancakes will be served at the Southern Cross Hall, following the Liturgy.

*\*Other groups will also be acknowledged.*

**Date:** Tuesday 21 February 2023  
**Time:** 10:15am for a 10:30am start. The event will conclude at 12:30pm  
*Parking is limited. We recommend arriving early to locate suitable parking.*  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton  
**RSVP by:** 14 February 2023, scan the QR Code or visit  
<https://PC2023.eventbrite.com.au>  
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