



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 23 OCT 2022

Everybody knows today's Gospel. It is a simple story about two men praying side by side. One was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. One prayer comes from a person with a humble heart seeking God's mercy. The other comes from a person who thinks he has done everything right.

The parable is actually designed to prod at our sense of entitlement and our claim to what is ours at the exclusion of others. It challenges us to think and act in the way that God in Jesus has shown us, which is based on the justice of the kingdom and the very mercy of God.

Pope Francis often comes into sharp criticism even from Catholic circles because of the way in which he lives out the message of God's gratuitous love and mercy. In an age of trickled down economy and entitlement, he challenges us to see and value people the way Jesus taught and showed us.



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	22nd October 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	23rd October 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	25th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	29th October 5pm Liturgy— Cooranbong
Sunday	30th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Tuesday	25th 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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BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

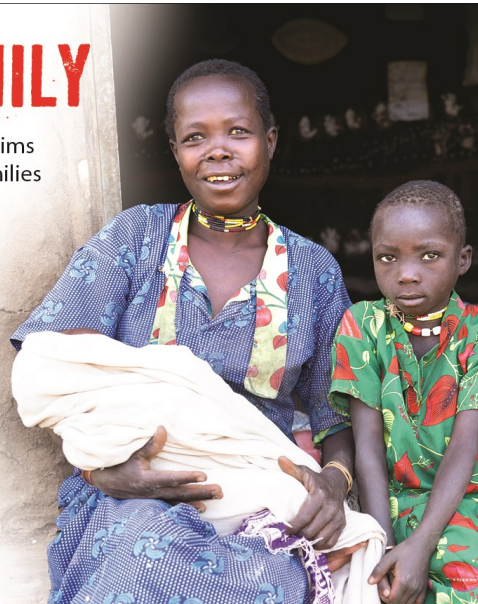
The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



REFLECTION – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN OT YEAR C

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

Are you in that in-between group?

Which extreme is closer to you?

(From a Homily from Richard Leonard – Dan Joyce)



Recently Mr Robert Jay a long-time parishioner, was awarded an OAM.

Robert received the award for service to aged persons, and to education. Robert has been secretary of the combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW since 2005 and is a founding member of the Manning Valley branch. He began his career as a full-time teacher in 1961 and was principal at Wingham High from 1990 to 1999.

Congratulations Bob.

PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK OF AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA.

Last week John & Uta France were elected to the Management Committee of the Pastoral Ministry Network of Australia and Oceania. John & Uta, will join nine other ordained and lay members from around Australia and Oceania.

The Pastoral Ministry Network provides a forum for the encouragement and development of collaborative ministry and leadership among all those involved in Catholic Pastoral Ministry-lay, ordained, and religious Membership of PMN is diverse with a commonality of people possessing a passion for living the mission of the Gospel, particularly in Catholic settings within the Oceania Region. Over the next 12 months PMN will be seeking ways to share wisdom with a broad range of people beyond Australia and New Zealand.



MELBOURNE CUP HIGH AFTERNOON TEA

On Tuesday 1st November 2022 there will be an Afternoon Tea held for Melbourne Cup, commencing at 1.30pm for sweeps, and Afternoon Tea will be served at 2pm. Cost is \$10 and numbers are capped at 25,

due to social distancing. Marcia and Michell will be at Mass this weekend and next weekend to take your name if you would like to come. There will be a prize for the best hat / fascinator.



HEAPS OF THANKS

Our parish 1.2 hectare parkland surrounding Cooranbong Church and Cemetery is now looking great for spring and summer ahead.

THANKS TO ... 12 volunteers who gathered with wheelbarrows and tools to move a heap of mulch around the trees.

... some wonderful work last Wednesday over three hours.

Thankfully the rain stayed away, but the wet conditions underfoot did prove rather challenging.

Ever grateful to Jim for organising the delivery of mulch, and to Michell for her most welcome morning T.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: PILGRIM INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding two online information sessions for all those who are interested in either attending our Diocesan pilgrimage or learning more about World Youth Day.

Please note, both of these sessions will be the same. You only need to attend one. Wednesday 19 October 2022 – 6pm to 7pm or Thursday 3 November 2022 4pm to 5pm.

To register, visit: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkekMO6p1sRqnzeqcN1DnMeIB-amwJlUQ0cxSVZSSTdTNkFfMUJCTTFJSDAxN0E2Ri4u>

BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. Applications close on 2 December 2022.

Find out more: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church/youth/bishops-award/>

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

The Interfaith Dialogue will explore leadership within different faith communities. Join us as we explore what is the same or different – and what we can learn from each other. This is an opportunity to join the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council and other faith communities. The event is being hosted at the Mackillop Pastoral Centre (7 Milson Street, Charlestown) from 6.30pm to 9pm on Thursday 3 November. A light supper will be served, for catering purposes, please register online by 31 October. Register here: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interfaith-dialogue-tickets-410277560227

WAITING WITH PURPOSE

Waiting with Purpose is a resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

The Catholic Women's League Australia – New South Wales Inc. Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to invite you to their Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon on Friday 18 November. Mass is a St Paul's Church at 11.30am and lunch will be at the Telarah Bowling Club at 1pm. Cost for lunch is \$40 per person. For more information contact Margo Nancarrow on 0418 657 989 or bjmn4@bigpond.com or cwlamn214@bigpond.com

THE HEALING POWER OF ART

Opening on Thursday 3 November at Wallsend Library (30 Bunn Street), the Healing Power of Art is an exhibition of words, textiles, drawings, and photography from workshops attended by people impacted by institutional child sexual abuse. These works explore the hopeful and creative capacity of the arts in providing a compassionate space for self-expression and healing. The exhibition is open until 4 December and will include two events:

- **Tuesday 8 November 1pm: Photography through the lens of Gratitude:** a conversation on the healing capacity of art with art therapist Danielle Minett and participants from the Loud Sky Art Workshops
- **Thursday 1 December 10am: Art and Healing:** a conversation with art therapist Dr Helena Bezzina, Jo Davis Public Programs - Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie, and participants from the Loud Sky art Workshops

DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY ON OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill's death. To be held on Saturday 12 November, 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start and finish at 3.00 pm. There are various locations to choose from including, Victor Peters Suite-Newcastle West, San Clemente High School - Mayfield, St Pauls High School - Booragul, Catherine McAuley College - Medowie, St Joseph's High School – Aberdeen and St Clare's High School – Taree.

The six hubs will allow people to gather together in a close by location and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch with those attending.

The reflection purpose will be:

To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people

To pray, reflect and engage with one another

To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles

To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions

Registration is open now by this link: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-reflection-day-on-our-spiritual-foundations-tickets-433215227407 They will close on Monday 7 November.

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.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

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

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), or visit their website for further information (www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE— 28TH OCTOBER
ALL SAINTS— 1ST NOVEMBER
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED— 2ND NOVEMBER
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO— 4TH NOVEMBER
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA— 9TH NOVEMBER
SAINT LEO THE GREAT— 10TH NOVEMBER
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS— 11TH NOVEMBER
SAINT JOSAPHAT— 12TH NOVEMBER
SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY— 17TH NOVEMBER

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

Brian Grogan, Fiona McAlinden, Stephen McKay, June Purcell, Jeremy McMullen, 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.
Recently Deceased: Robert Martin, Nevio Sain.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

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

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

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday 23 Oct 2022

The Introductory Rites

World Mission Sunday

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday.

This year, Catholic Mission will walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually...".

Through the Pontifical Mission Societies' international network, with their supporters, Catholic Mission are answering the call to help build brighter futures. Working at a grass-roots level and closely collaborating with the local communities, they aim to find sustainable solutions which will bring hope to those in most need.

Catholic Mission are currently supporting a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society.

Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world.

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.

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.

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

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 humbled yourself for our sake: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you teach us to pray: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring us safely to your heavenly kingdom: 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.

hear our prayer and bring light

God our Father

you have called us to love you

with our whole being.

Help us to live out your commandment of love

by serving you and loving our neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept

the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me.

Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory for ever and ever. 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 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. What does this parable tell us about the purpose of prayer?

Q. From this parable, what would seem to be the most important element of prayer?

Q. Why might the gospel writer have chosen a Pharisee and a tax collector as the two characters?

Q. How does this parable serve to demonstrate that God's ways are not the ways of humankind?

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: As we gather as a community of faith, we acknowledge our dependence on God and present our prayers for our needs, the needs of our community, and the needs of our world.

Reader: For our Holy Father Pope Francis and for all those who have responsibilities of leadership in our church, we pray that they may be ever faithful and give witness as true disciples.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our civic leaders, we pray that they may be witnesses to truth and justice and seek ways to support the most vulnerable in our society.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are displaced, particularly women as they are disproportionately represented, we pray that society responds to their situation through love and action.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who work among people on the fringes of society, we pray that they may be sustained in their vocation as they give witness to the healing mission of Jesus.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who suffer from malnutrition, we pray that they find the nourishment they need.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For missionaries who bring the message of the gospel to those longing for the good news of salvation, we pray that others may hear the call to join them.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the members of this Parish community, we pray for the awareness of our failings, as well as the ability to show humility and concern for others.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are sick and housebound, we pray that they will be healed in Christ's love, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died, we pray that they will live forever with Christ in God's eternal home, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God, you are conscious of all our needs and we make these prayers in confidence through Jesus Christ your son.

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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The purpose of pilgrimage is journey. You are invited to join the aMeN caMiNo journey and let your stories and experiences meet others. Camino has a long and established Christian history, it means 'road' or 'way'.

A famous Camino is St James Way or Camino de Santiago in Spain. The first Christian movement in the 1st Century was known as 'The Way'.

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection, contemplation and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God's gift of Grace.

Amen is the word Christian's use to say 'Yes, we are on our way to God.' By joining us on the "aMeN CaMiNo", you are saying yes to something in your heart which is calling you.

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



If the aMeN caMiNo sounds like something you might be interested in, please scan the QR code and fill in an expression of interest form by November 18