



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.

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS YEAR C SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	13th September 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	14th September 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	16th September 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	20th September 5pm Mass—Morisset
Sunday	21st September 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	23rd September 9.30am Mass—Morisset

Dear Parish Family

On the Cross of Christ Lies our Victory

The people of God as they embarked on their Liberation journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, were faced with challenges in the wilderness and lost patience with God and complained against Him and Moses. God sent snakes to bite them to death. Finding themselves in such a deadly situation, they accepted and acknowledged their wrongdoing and requested Moses to plead on their behalf. Moses pleaded and God gave instructions on what should be done for their safety. A bronze serpent was to be moulded and set up on a pole such that those bitten would look at the bronze serpent and be cured.

Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness and those affected by the snake venom looked up at it and were healed. After so many years, in a clearer fashion, Christ in our time was lifted up and crucified on the cross, that all who believe in Him and follow His way might be liberated and saved. This was in line with what Christ said about Himself in today's gospel that, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

The cross was an object of mockery, in the time of Jesus. It was designated for those who committed heinous crimes and was chosen by Jesus to show the depth of His Love for us. Identifying with us and acknowledging our sinfulness before His Father, "He bore our sins in his body on the tree (cross), that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you (we) have been healed" (1Pet. 2:24). Primarily, it was not only our sins that took Him to the cross but His Love for us which surpasses everything.

The salvation offered to the Israelites in the wilderness through the bronze serpent was perfected in Christ as salvation offered to the entire children of God through the Cross. We are now liberated and are victorious through the Cross of Christ. Therefore, in celebrating the Feast of Exaltation of the Cross, "we are reminded that the cross was not the defeat of Jesus or the defeat of love, but rather the triumph of Jesus and of God's love for us." (MK) Considering the 'cross' from this perspective, how do we go about the crosses that come our way in our lives. In the gospel of last Sunday, our Lord Jesus Christ told us, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple". How are you handling your own cross?

So, today September 14th the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. This feast commemorates the discovery of the True Cross in 326 by St Helena the mother of Emperor Constantine; Initial exaltation of the cross for public veneration at the Church of Sepulchre in 335; and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628 by Emperor Heraclius. In this celebration, we look at the true cross of Christ as the ultimate symbol of Christ's victory over death and a sign of healing, hope, and divine love for all humanity.

Again, in solidarity with the Church throughout Australia as it observes National Safeguarding Sunday, our diocese also marks the Perpetual Day of Remembrance, the day we remember with heavy hearts, the wounds inflicted to the body of Christ - the Church, and to some of her members - the abuse of children, young people, and vulnerable adults, by some ministers of the Church and her representatives. We keep praying for the victims.

Together we are all on the path of healing and as today's liturgical celebration calls for the faith to look upon the Cross and see there the revelation of divine love that embraces all humanity and offers new life wherever there is suffering and death, let us respond positively to Bishop Michael's calling, as he invites "those who have been hurt and are still hurting in any way because of abuse, either personally or because you are a member of the Body of Christ, to bring your hurt, your anger, your suffering, to the cross of Jesus Christ, look upon Christ there and know the love of God for you, know that he wants to set you free, know that he wants to and will lead us all from this wilderness." (MK)

Finally, as we humbly resolve to carry our crosses and follow Christ, we must make sure that we are not the cross others are carrying, that our attitudes are not the burdens others are suffering from, that our deliberate silence and omissions are not the pains others are going through. May we learn from the Cross of Christ, 'Love not hatred, Compassion not indifference, Forgiveness not vengeance' (Pope Francis).

Peace Be with You.

Fr Raphael

Regional Pastoral Council Election.

A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

Ballot papers will be distributed at Mass 27/28Sept, only one ballot paper per person, which is to be put in the locked box.

The box will be collected after the 9.30am Mass Morisset Sunday 28th September.

Each parish will continue to have their own Parish Team that will continue to work together with the current teams in the parish.

Those candidates who are unsuccessful in being elected to the RPC, will become part of the Parish Team.

Parishioners will be given information about the candidates shortly.



THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

This week, your attention is drawn to what safeguarding of children IS (and ISN'T).

At its core, 'safeguarding' means protecting children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and any other harm. But it's broader than just stopping 'bad things' from happening. It's also about creating positive environments where children can thrive.

Safeguarding is NOT just a policy on a website NOR a box-ticking exercise NOR the responsibility of professionals only BUT safeguarding IS everyday choices that prioritise children's safety AND organisations creating cultures of respect and accountability AND adults being alert, approachable, and willing to act.

Everyday actions make safeguarding happen:

- **Listen and believe children.** If a child tells you something, take it seriously. Even if you're unsure, the way you respond can determine whether they feel safe to speak up again.
- **Be approachable.** Children need to know you're someone they can trust. That means being open, calm, and non-judgemental.
- **Respect boundaries.** Show children that their personal space, choices, and voices matter.
- **Supervise activities.** Make sure children are safe, included, and supported in whatever setting you are part of - home, classroom, sporting field, church hall.
- **Speak up.** If something feels unsafe, don't ignore it. Raise your concern with someone who can act.

Remember- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Towards Christmas 2025

2025 Christmas Eve Mass to again be held at the Morisset Showground 6pm. Sausage sizzle before Mass. (Christmas Planning Team to be organized.)

2025 Christmas Day Mass Morisset 9.30am

Advent -Reflection/Reconciliation (Peace, Hope, Joy, Love) to be held in Lakeside Parishes in December.

3rd December Morisset- December 10thToronto- December 17th Warners Bay.

Latest Saint

Carlo Acutis, who was just 15 when he died of acute promyelocytic leukemia in 2006, has two miracles attributed to him. Pope Leo XIV declared 15-year-old Carlo Acutis the first millennial saint at an open-air Mass attended by tens of thousands of people in the Vatican's St. Peter's Square last Sunday.

The Vatican said Carlo has performed two miracles since his death, the first involving the healing of a Brazilian child suffering from a pancreatic malformation, the second involving the recovery of a Costa Rican student injured in an accident.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion -Training

Training will be held for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, on Saturday 13th September and again Saturday 20th September 10am in the Morisset Church.

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, it is important that you receive this training.

Reconciliation Service

Will be held on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 6pm in St John Vianney Church Morisset

Season of Creation

Monday the 1st of September was the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which opened the season of creation this is a time marked throughout the Christian world which starts on the 1st September and concludes on the 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encourages awareness-raising initiatives to help us to heal & protect Our Common Home. This year's theme, Peace with Creation, reminds us that many human activities amount to a "war against Creation."

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Perpetual Day of Remembrance is an opportunity for our whole faith community to come together in prayer and remembrance—honouring survivors, acknowledging the wrongs of the past, and renewing our commitment to building a Church that is safe and life-giving for all.

Each year in September, our Diocese marks the Perpetual Day of Remembrance. This day stands as a solemn commitment to truth, healing, and accountability. It was established in Maitland-Newcastle as a local, enduring response to the failures of the Church to protect children and the ongoing pain of survivors.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer.

Promoters of Safeguarding Meeting

A meeting of Parish Clergy and parish representatives will be attending the Parish Safeguarding Network (PSN) Meeting, featuring a special presentation from the Senior Rights Service.

Date: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 **Venue:** The Scarborough Room, East Maitland Bowling Club, 23 Banks Street, East Maitland

With A Light Heart

Quotable Wisdom

Too much of everything is just enough.

When I was young, I was told that anyone could be president. Now I'm beginning to believe it.

When in doubt, do what the president does. Guess.

This sentence contradicts itself — no, actually, it doesn't.

To err is human, to blame it on somebody else shows management potential.

Today is the first day of the rest of this mess.

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday

Too bad all the people who know how to run this country are busy running taxicabs or cutting hair

True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable.

Viewer discretion may be advised, but it's never really expected.

Wasting time is an important part of living.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

What has been seen cannot be unseen.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane



PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for *Peace with Creation* aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – caritas.org.au/debt
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

A Conversation with Chris Sidoti on Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel

25 September, 7:00 pm, Diocesan Resource Centre

Presented by Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and Garratt Publishing. You are invited to join in community with members of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to listen to Australian human rights lawyer Chris Sidoti and Sr Susan Connelly rsj discuss the latest report from the *International Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Israel*. REGISTRATION (Essential): [Register Here](#) or call Mary on 0409033449

NATSICC Assembly – Rydges, POKOLBIN

29 September - 3 October

LAST CHANCE to secure your ticket! \$425 for a 5-day Pass. Join over 250 delegates from across the Country in a week of interactive workshops and yarning circles, hear from inspirational speakers including Stan Grant, attend one of three local On Country immersion experiences to Baiame Caves, Nobbys Headland, or Murrook Cultural Centre. Be moved. Be Inspired. Be a Pilgrim of Hope! Registrations close on Monday 22 September – Find all the information here: [2025 Assembly](#)

2025 Rosary Rally – The Public Rosary

Join us as we pray for our nation. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (13 October 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer. In 2023, there were 180 groups registered to pray the Rosary throughout Australia. Everyone is invited.

When: 11:00AM start on Saturday 11 October 2025

Where: Ken Lambkin Reserve Pacific Highway Belmont South (BYO chair or rug)

Enquiries: Joan 0476 636 750

Info: <https://fatima.org.au/public-rosary/>

Time to deepen solidarity with migrants and refugees

Australian Catholics are encouraged to reflect on stories of hope as they mark the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 5 October.

By Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has produced a set of resources based on the theme for this year “Migrants, Missionaries of Hope”, which is aligned with the Jubilee of Migrants.

Pope Leo XIV has invited the faithful to reflect on the deep connection between migration and hope, and to renew their commitment to welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees.

“In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope,” Pope Leo wrote in his official message marking the day.

“Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see.”

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees resources are available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2025>

They include:

- Pope Leo XIV's official message
- Archbishop Christopher Prowse's reflection
- Liturgical and prayer resources for parish and school communities
- Personal stories and reflections

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, said: “Taking time to sit back and listen to some of their wonderful stories generates a great sense of hope and an appreciation of their courage. For this reason, they are among the great evangelisers and leaders of faith in our Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope.”

Fr Khalid Marogi, national director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, said: “These resources are designed to inspire action and reflection across Australia. We invite all communities to use them to deepen their understanding and solidarity with migrants and refugees, who continue to enrich our Church and society.”

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been observed by the Catholic Church since 1914.

It is a time to express concern for vulnerable people on the move, to pray for their challenges, and to raise awareness about the opportunities migration offers.

LGBTIQ Catholic Forum Lunch

The LGBTIQ Catholic Forum and friends will gather for lunch, socialising and to plan future events.

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We will gather in a member's home with food supplied and everyone bringing their favourite beverage.

The Forum is a gathering of LGBTIQ Catholics, their families, friends, and supporters within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Forum promotes the dignity of each person and supports them in their development to be the person God calls them to be.

Our Annual Liturgy details can be found here: [LGBTIQ+ Liturgy 2025 – Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

For more information, please contact: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the priest's monthly stipend, private health insurance and superannuation contribution. Please do so at Mass in the First Plate or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, or by Electronic Funds Transfer Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: SURNAME.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our parish operating costs such as insurance, utilities, telecommunications, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery, buildings and parish property. As well as parish pastoral programs, parish staff salaries including superannuation, the car expenses for the priest (s) in the parish and the Cathedra (contribution) to the bishop towards the costs of running the diocese (10%). Please do so at Mass via the Second Plate, the Tap n Go machines or by Parish Electronic Funds Transfer the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG# + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page. Receipts can only be provided to those who are registered for planned giving.

If you would like to contribute via Direct Debit for either or both collections contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson U France	U France R Hay
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Cameron R Hay	J Vipan L Hutchinson
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	B Cameron D Whitten	K Cameron G Whalen
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	G Hutchinson K Amon	K Lendon D Bijoy
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Foo R & C Lawandos	M Melvey J Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France T Alexander	J France J France
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Cameron Family A Dussin	K Lendon J Hutchins
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	Cameron Family R Hay	XXXX XXXX

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (M) - 13TH SEPT
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (F) - 14TH SEPT
OUR LADY OF SORROWS (M) - 15TH SEPT
SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN (M) - 16TH SEPT
SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN (OM) - 17TH SEPT
SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE (OM) - 17TH SEPT
SAINT JANUARIUS (OM) - 19TH SEPT
SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAEON, PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS (M) - 20TH SEPT

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

Bill Fenton, Jayden Sanders, Zayne Peterson, Marjorie Black, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, 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.



(CNS photo/Vatican Media)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2025

That, inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.

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,

or visit their website for further information: www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

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



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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday 14 Sep 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.

Perpetual Day of Remembrance and Safeguarding Sunday

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we, the Church of Maitland-Newcastle, mark the Perpetual Day of Remembrance. We do so in solidarity with the Church throughout Australia as it celebrates National Safeguarding Sunday. Together, we remember the survivors of abuse in our church, and acknowledge the deep harm caused by the Church. Today we pray that our remembering will change us and strengthen our commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults within the Church and society.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you humbly accepted death on a cross: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you have been given a name which is above all names: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your cross has won us salvation: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**
When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**
But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**
Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of the Father.

*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 John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life
in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

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,
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, in the name of the exalted Christ
let us bring our needs before God our Father.

Reader: That the Church will be a sign of hope in a troubled
world

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations beset by violence and plagued by war will
be able to live in peace and safety.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who bear the cross of poverty and suffering,
will be lifted up and restored by the cross of Christ.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, on this Safeguarding Sunday, we will continue to
make earnest endeavours to be a safe, welcoming and
hope-filled church for all, particularly those who are
vulnerable or marginalised.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the lives of Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis
who were recently canonised, will provide inspiration to
young people throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died they will be raised to eternal
life with the victorious Christ, especially for our loved
ones and those who were members of this
community.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Saving God, you sent your son into the world that all
might have abundant life. Hear these prayers that we
may bear the cross with Christ who has conquered
death forever. We make this prayer 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..

All:

Thanks be to God.

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Pope Leo canonises first saints of his pontificate

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By Elizabeth Symington

Pope Leo greeted the more than 80,000 faithful who had gathered early in St Peter's Square Before canonising the first saints of his pontificate, because he wanted to share his joy with them before the start of the solemn ceremony.

"Brothers and sisters, today is a wonderful celebration for all of Italy, for the whole Church, for the whole world," Pope Leo said.

"While the celebration is very solemn, it is also a day of great joy, and I wanted to greet especially the many young people who have come for this holy Mass," he said.

The two new saints proclaimed are two young laymen of the 20th and 21st centuries.

"The greatest risk in life is to waste it by not seeking to follow God's plan", Pope Leo said.

"Sts. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upward and make them masterpieces," he said.

"The simple but winning formula of their holiness," he said, is accessible to everyone at any time. "They encourage us with their words: 'Not I, but God,' as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: 'If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end.'"

Bishop Michael Kennedy organised an international exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis to visit our Diocese earlier this year.

The Carlo Acutis exhibition of Eucharistic miracles came to Newcastle as part of our celebrations for the Jubilee year of Hope.

Bishop Michael shared his thoughts about the exhibition and the now Saint.

"It seemed to me that the life of this remarkable boy connected with and had an impact on those present at the exhibition when we hosted. Throughout the week that the exhibition was in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle I received many messages from people who had visited it, saying what a great experience it was. They were so grateful to have had the opportunity," Bishop Michael reflected.

"There is something about Carlo that truly makes him a saint for our times. His background from a Catholic but not devout or practicing Catholic family; his devotion to and love of Jesus in the Eucharist together with his concern and love for the poor; his playful nature together with his enthusiasm for spreading the faith and lack of fear to do so. These aspects of his life, together with others, resonate deeply with those who come to know him. It's very fitting that he will be canonised during the Jubilee Year that focusses on hope."

[Read more about the exhibition here.](#)

[You can also read more about Saint Carlo and some reflections from Yvonne Rego from our Diocese.](#)

Baptism Preparation Program

Our next Program will be held on at 7pm on Tuesday 14th Oct.

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