



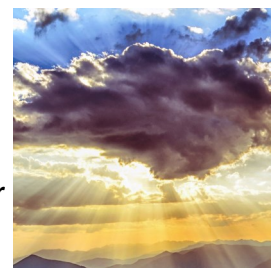
**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021**

*In these days as we approach the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, the readings look forward to the end of time. Speculation about the end of time as we know it, is not unusual. These predictions go way back in time. People in each century, have foretold the end of the world.*

*Nostradamus (1503-1566) foretold that the world would end when Easter fell on April 25th. This date occurred in 1666, 1886 and 1943. As the year 2000 approached we were bombarded with a rash of amusing claims, some claiming a special revelation from God or Mary, and others claim to have calculated it from the Bible. All claims should be ignored.*

*Today's Gospel gives us a timely message about the end of the world.*

*Jesus tells us that no one knows when the end will come except the heavenly Father. And with regard to the end, we should be hopeful rather than fearful. God made us for salvation, not for damnation.*



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

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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 & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Sunday	14th November 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	21st November 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

**Register your place via the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Website:**  
<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com>.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Due to the current COVID restrictions **YOU NEED** to make an appointment to come to the office.

**CHECK-IN**

Everyone is required to check-in via a QR Code when they come to the Church, Office or Callinan Centre.

**MASKS**

Everyone over the age of 12 is required to wear a Mask that covers the nose and mouth indoors or while waiting to come inside.

**RE-OPENING**

**PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FROM THE PLT AND PPC ABOUT RE-OPENING FOR MASSES AND LITURGIES.**

**REFLECTION FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR B – 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

Scientists like Professor Brian Cox see the end times in purely physical terms: eventually, perhaps over millions of years, our Sun will die, bringing to an end the solar system as we know it. However, as people of faith, we see God, our Creator, as the instigator of that divine spark that started the whole process of the evolution of our Cosmos. So, too, the end times are also part of God's plan.

The readings today focus on these end times, times of great distress and disturbance. The first was written when the Jewish people were desperate. Palestine had succumbed to the Syrians who, amid great persecution, were seeking to wipe out the Jewish religion. Yet, amid the despair, there was a message of hope: despite all signs to the contrary, God will ultimately triumph and God's will be done. *"When that time comes, your own people will be spared. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace."* Here we have the first explicit mention of resurrection in the Bible and Christ would confirm this.

The apocalyptic vision in Mark's Gospel follows in a similar vein. Again, the Jews were facing a period of violent persecution, this time by the Romans targeting followers of Christ, but again there is a message of hope and encouragement. The people of Mark's time believed that Christ's return was imminent but we know we are still waiting and we cannot know when it will be. All things in this world are transitory but we are assured that Christ's words will endure. Christ tells us, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* We are assured that God's people will be spared, his chosen will be gathered and the promise of the salvation that Christ earned for us by his sacrifice will be fulfilled.

Paul's letter to the Hebrews stresses the significance of what Christ has accomplished: *"Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins...By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying."*

As we look back over these last two years and consider the losses and anxieties they brought, we might be justified in feeling that we have been through our own period of tribulation. What, then, can we take from the Scriptures today? We can take hope and reassurance. Hope can be a powerful motivating force to persevere in times of difficulty, which are part of every life. It can give us the courage to live a life of commitment that is true to Christ's teaching as we seek the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. We have hope because we know that God loves us unconditionally by virtue of the sacrifice that was made for us. We just need to trust in God.

Pam Melvey

**AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM**  
**A THIRD CONVOCATION OF CATHOLICS ON**  
**THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA**

*The Australian Plenary Council is an extraordinary opportunity to reform our Church.*

The first session of the Australian Plenary Council has now concluded - it's time to take stock:

- What has the first assembly of the Plenary Council achieved?
- What are the critical issues for the second and final Plenary Council assembly?

- How do Catholics now feel about the Plenary Council?
- What can we, as Australian Catholics, do to build on the process to date, in the lead-up to the next assembly and the Pope's Synod on Synodality?

**Thursday 18 November at 7.30 - 9pm AEDT**

**Ellen Fanning (ABC's *The Drum*)** will moderate two 40-minute sessions with Plenary Council members and leading thinkers on the future of Catholicism. The panels will consider these questions and other matters affecting the future of Catholicism in Australia.

**Panellists:**

**Session 1 – All are Plenary Council members**

- Claire Victory, National President, St Vincent de Paul Society;
- Francis Sullivan, Chair Catholic Social Services Australia, former CEO, Truth, Justice and
- Healing Council;
- Dr Nimmi Candappa, Research Fellow, Monash University; and
- Virginia Bourke, Pro-Chancellor designate, Australian Catholic University.

**Session 2 –**

- Robert Fitzgerald AM, former Royal Commissioner, Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,
- Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe AM, Commission on Methodology, 2023 Synod on Synodality,
- Chairs of Catholic renewal organisations:
- Dr Eleanor Flynn, – Women's Wisdom in the Church;
- Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO – Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn;
- Kevin Liston, South Australian Catholics for an Evolving Church.

The convocation seeks to engage Catholics, at all levels of connection (including none) with the Church, in exploring concrete proposals for the future of Catholicism.

It will also prepare the way for an ACCCR lay-led synodal process in May 2022 to support the preparations for the second (final) Plenary Council assembly and the diocesan phase of the Pope's 2023 Synod on Synodality.

To register, please click below or go to [www.acccr.com.au](http://www.acccr.com.au):

**REGISTER FOR CONVOCATION 3** – Thurs. 18 November 7.30pm AEDT - gathering from 7.20pm

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE (CFC) 2022**

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity?

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units.

Commencing on Tuesday February 1 2022, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a Diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Expression of Interest close December 10. For more information go to:

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

### **MESSAGE OF THANKS**

To all parishioners of St John Vianney's Parish. My sincere thanks for your friendly welcome to me and your many kindly supports given me in my relatively short time here at St John Vianney parish these last 18 months or so. With various changes occurring, I realised now is the time to re-commence ministry as PP/ Pastor, and to contribute to the parish communities ( Taree and Wingham) of the Manning. I will replace Fr George there. He will assume responsibility for the complex of parishes (5!) of the Chisholm Region of Maitland. My appointment to Taree/ Wingham will take me to the compulsory retirement age! I am hoping my time there will mean I can 'lay the ground' for a way of being parish where parishioners will draw inspiration and confidence based on the insights of Pope Francis... particularly in regards to his establishment this year of the lay Ministry of Catechist- lay ministries which are exercised in close relationship with the ministry of the ordained ( or "the Pastor" as the new Directory for Catechesis likes to say). Many thanks particularly to your parish Leadership team members for their friendship and helps. With thanks and humbly asking your prayerful support as I soon commence a new challenge. Fr Kevin

### **EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE OF MUTUAL SHARING: FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW to learn more about out Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of the Poor and how it relates to the life and mission of Vinnies.

In his message for the Fifth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis calls on all societies to adopt a new approach to poverty. Building bonds of mutual sharing will break down barriers of exclusion, restore dignity, and strengthen the solidarity of communities. Genuine involvement in the lives of our sisters and brothers will make us ever more attentive to emerging forms of poverty as well as new possibilities for Christian love and charity.

At this online evening event, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFM Conv will share key theological and social teaching themes in Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of the Poor. The St Vincent de Paul Society's Executive Director of Mission and Spirituality, Leo Tucker, will reflect on how the Pope's call for 'a different approach to poverty' resonates with Vincentian spirituality. And members of the Society will highlight a range of initiatives responding to emerging forms of poverty in this era of the COVID pandemic.

There will be an opportunity for reflection, questions and discussion about how we can all embrace the challenge of mutual sharing.

Event Details

Time: 7:00PM-8:15PM

Date: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Location: Online

RSVP: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/embracing-the-challenge-of-mutual-sharing-tickets-190885432467](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/embracing-the-challenge-of-mutual-sharing-tickets-190885432467)

### **CaritasNews**

The latest CaritasNews, Spring 2021, is now available at [www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews\\_spring-2021\\_digital\\_updated-rm.pdf](http://www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf)

### **MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins" 11 Machabees 12:46*

For those who would like to have prayers said for their dearly departed Family, Friends and Relatives, there are November Mass envelopes available at the back of the church and also located in the plastic holder outside.

### **DIOCESAN ADVENT REFLECTION: WAITING WITH PURPOSE**

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, ***Waiting with Purpose*** has been created for our diocese. ***Waiting with Purpose*** responds to the voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing. ***Waiting with Purpose*** invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it.

Mystagogical reflection meets us where we are. No preparation is needed. It's about being open to encountering Christ so we can live from Christ. It's deeply personal and communal.

If you would like to journey as part of a parish group please complete the sign-up form by clicking on the button on the parish website or complete one of the forms located at the back of the church.

### **"AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR " 19 MARCH 2021- 26 JUNE 2022**

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

### **CATHOLICARE PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

CatholicCare's "Welcome to the Beach" program has won the Community Education Program of the Year, in the Surf Life Saving Australia National Awards of Excellence.

The Refugee Hub supports clients to participate in a weekend Beach Safety Workshop run over three weeks at Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club. The aim of the annual initiative is to get families familiar and comfortable with the beach for recreation and to teach them how to safely enjoy it.

The awards night was held on 6 November with people from around the country gathering virtually. The CatholicCare team and volunteers celebrated their win together.



### **APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

### **SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

We thank everyone who has continued their support for our Parish during these very different times. As cash is deemed a transmission hazard by NSW Health they recommend that donations and payments be made electronically.

There is an online parish payments button on the Parish Website Home page or alternatively you can 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.

### **SUPPORTING THE DIOCESE CLERGY**

If you would like to make contributions to support the Diocese Clergy / 1st Collection the Bank Account Details are: Account Name: CDF 96020 Morisset Parish BSB: 062815 Account Number 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection

<b><u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u></b>			
		<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>
<b><u>Presiders</u></b>	9.30	MASS	MASS
<b><u>PROCLAIMER:</u></b>	9.30	P Melvey	R Hay
<b><u>PSALMIST:</u></b>	9.30	K Lendon	J Hutchins
<b><u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u></b>	9.30	K Lendon	J Hutchins
<b><u>SERVERS</u></b>	9.30	M Melvey	V Paulo
<b><u>AV:</u></b>	9.30	M Foo	U France
<b><u>SOUND/ VIDEO:</u></b>	9.30	G & L Hutchinson	G & L Hutchinson
<b><u>COVID-19 SAFETY TEAM</u></b>	9.30	P Melvey K Lendon K Amon J Vipan	G & A Walker B Hutcheson M Sloman L & L McRae

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

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY— 17TH NOVEMBER  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—21ST NOV  
SAINT CECILIA—22ND NOVEMBER  
SAINTS ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS—24TH NOV  
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER— 3RD DECEMBER  
SAINT AMBROSE— 7TH DECEMBER  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 8TH DECEMBER  
SAINT LUCY— 13TH DECEMBER

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

Ian Douglas, Maureen Phillips, Dan Joyce, Bruce Gillett , William Eggins, Bishop Bill Wright, Robert Jay .

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



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

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

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

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

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



***Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>***





## LITURGY MATTERS: The Mission has a Church and liturgy is the source

We've been talking a lot about mission and sometimes I think we miss seeing the main event.

**LOUISE GANNON RSJ** PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 09, 2021

The main missionary event of course is you, and most significantly us together: the church, the Body of Christ living here and now in the streets of our town, responding to the signs of the times, and the joys and sorrows of our neighbours, day in and day out.

Mission precedes church because it is God's mission made con-

frontingly visible in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. That's why we say the mission has a church. It's not the Church's mission, and yet the whole point and imperative of the Church is to pursue that mission with the same passion and conviction of Jesus, always in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Our conversations reveal our understanding. Our conversations about mission often turn immediately to the great work of organisations and agencies like CatholicCare Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society and Stella Maris, or to those who go to 'the missions.'

Amazing as these agencies and people are, they are not the main missionary event. The main agents of God's mission here and now on the streets of Newcastle, the Hunter and the Manning are you and me, and as already indicated, us together as church.

Every time you reveal the love of God in simple loving acts of kindness, gratitude, generosity, patience, compassion and humility, and the huge loving acts of forgiveness, justice and standing in God's truth, you are pursuing the mission of God. We are our own best kept secret, even from ourselves. Your story is the best story we have to tell. God's mission has many faces and an indispensable one is yours!

I have no doubt that the main missionary event in this local church of Maitland-Newcastle is extraordinarily alive and active. However, our conversations suggest that our appreciation of this truth is not at the forefront of our awareness and understanding. Why, I wonder?

The mission imperative is fundamental. It is an expression of faith which emerges from encounter with Christ. We proclaim and celebrate the mystery of God in Christ most poignantly in the liturgy. There we encounter the dying-rising mystery of Christ. There we learn the steps of self-emptying love, so we know how to be missionary in the ordinary events and encounters of our everyday lives. This is why the Church says that it is from the liturgy that we put on the true Christian spirit and the real nature of the Church. It is in the liturgical posture of encounter: of listening and responding, celebrating and offering ourselves to be changed through, with, and in Christ, that we become living words of God, sacramental people, missionary disciples.

The liturgy ends with a blessing and dismissal:

*Go forth the Mass is ended.*

*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*

*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life.*

*Go in peace*

to which we respond ... *Thanks be to God.*

Thanks be to God for sending us out to announce the Gospel! How lucky are we to be so loved and trusted with nothing less than God's mission for the life of the world! We are blessed for mission.

What can we do to sharpen and deepen our personal and communal awareness that we are sent from the liturgy as missionary disciples and a missionary community, an essential face of this church of Maitland-Newcastle's engagement in the mission of God?

Over long years I have learnt that my full conscious and active participation in both the liturgy and God's mission is dependent on more than my participation in the liturgy. It takes me the whole week to reflect on the meaning and implication of what Christ reveals in the liturgy as a whole, and the readings in particular.

We call this process Mystagogical Reflection because it focuses our attention on our encounter with the mystery of Christ in the liturgy, and on what Christ reveals there. It invites us to explore the meaning of this revelation through the living tradition of our faith community. It invites us to connect this meaning to life and mission now, and to hear God's perpetual invitation to personal and communal conversion. Usually, I arrive at Saturday afternoon feeling like there is still more for me to receive from the previous Sunday's liturgy. What a testimony to the rich feast our liturgy is.

Theologically, we say the liturgy, particularly eucharist, makes the Church. Liturgy makes the Church for mission. It makes you, me and all of us together for mission. We gather to be sent. And what a Spirit-filled powerhouse we are.

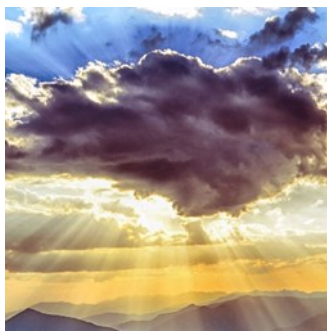
What or who do you think about when we talk about mission? Do you think about yourself? Your family? Your friends and colleagues? Your community? Would you tell your story as a story of mission? How do we raise our awareness of ourselves and each other as part of the essential face of God's mission here and now? I recommend Mystagogical Reflection.

To learn more about Mystagogical Reflection and how to participate during November and Advent please read this **Liturgy Matters**.

As I continue to reflect on the gospel from last Sunday (Mk 12:38-44), I know there is a scribe lurking in me looking for opportunities to get out. But what I want, with all my heart, is to set free the 'poor widow' that is also within. My journey of Mystagogical Reflection this week has a long way to go. I live in hope! God's mission is in need of the poor widow inside us all.

### Acknowledgements

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# SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 14 Nov 2021

## The Introductory Rites

### Gathering

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

The suggested hymn for “World Day of the Poor” might be sung. What You Have Done for Me by Tony Alonso  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0i2IKGeaa54>

### Acknowledgement of Land

As we begin our prayer today, we respectfully acknowledge all Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of Australia. We pay respect to their Elders, past and present, and young leaders of today and the future. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation with our First Nations families and communities.

### Welcome

We gather together today to pray for the poor; to affirm our commitment to being present to them; and to ask God to accompany us all as we work for a more just and compassionate world. The poor can become invisible in our societies, even when close to us, unless we learn to see with eyes of faith. God does not pass by those who are harmed or excluded. Wherever there is suffering, hunger, marginalisation, disadvantage, or violence, God is present, inviting us also to stand in solidarity and to respond in love. As Christians, we are called to open our hearts to those who suffer from spiritual, material, or emotional poverty. We live our mission as modern day disciples by helping to tend and heal these wounds. God is waiting for us in the midst of “the least of these”, calling us to relationships of mutuality that lead all people to resurrection.

### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

All:

**Amen.**

### Greeting

Leader:

On this 5th World Day of the Poor, we pray for the poor who are always with us but may go unseen, unheard, and unknown: in our schools, our workplaces, our public spaces, and our neighbourhoods. We ask our God who hears the cry of the poor to help us to see, to hear, and to be open to sharing our lives with the poor. We ask for the grace to answer cries from the heart in ways that reflect the loving kindness of our Creator.

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  
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

You are a God of compassion: Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

You are a God of abundance: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

You are a God of inclusion: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:

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

All:

**Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Almighty God  
into our hands  
you have placed many blessings and gifts.  
Help us to use them wisely  
so that we may become your faithful servants.  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

**Dn 12:1-3**

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

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

The word of the Lord.

*All reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1**

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**Heb 10:11-14, 18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.



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 Mark.

All:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Mk 13:24-32**

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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.*

Q. Why was a belief that Jesus' return was imminent so strong among early Christians?

Q. Do historical events around the time of its writing help explain why Mark's gospel was the first written?

Q. How can a Christian community maintain hope and counteract despair about the future?

Q. How do you demonstrate hopefulness in your life?

## Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church  
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Faithful

Father: We call on our loving God to hear the prayers of our hearts for the poor across the world, in Australia, and in our own local neighbourhoods.

Reader: For all leaders: that their decisions honour, respect, and safeguard the dignity of the most vulnerable in society.

*(pause)*

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who hunger: that there is a renewal of food security, and a fair distribution of resources so all have enough to live.

*(pause)*

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who are homeless: that there is a place to call home provided so all people can live safely and in peace.

(pause)

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who suffer violence and abuse: that they are able to access support and sanctuary that kindles and nourishes a restored hope.

(pause)

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For conversion of hearts and minds: that the cries of the poor are heard, believed, and acted upon.

(pause)

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all who are sick: that they will be kept safe in the arms of God, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who have died: that they will be embraced by the angels and gathered to God's heavenly kingdom, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

We pray:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Father: Gracious and loving God, we pray for all those who suffer from all forms of poverty. We ask you to send out your Spirit to work within us and in our world: to convert selfishness to generosity, marginalisation to inclusion, and despair to trust in new life. We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader:

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

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

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

## The Concluding Rite

### Blessing

Leader:

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

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

You may wish to sing the suggested hymn for the “World Day of the Poor” The Cry of the Poor by John Foley SJ  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_Q0FjuAUZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_Q0FjuAUZY)

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