



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 26 JANUARY 2024

Dear Parish Family,

We have finally begun reading from the Gospel of St Luke. It's my favourite Gospel. (If I'm allowed to have a favourite) Did you know that the Gospel was probably written between the years 80 to 110AD. As a doctor, Luke was keen to record the many healing stories of Jesus. His audience that he was writing to, were predominantly a "mixed bag" of people made up of Gentiles, Jewish and people who felt unwelcome in society generally. His underlying question will be - God has been faithful to the Jewish people but what about others not Jewish or don't feel they belong? As we will see throughout the year, it is the Gospel that speaks of the hospitality of God where all are welcome, all are loved by God. That's why we begin with Jesus' mission statement this Sunday...

Mission statements have become common practice in sports, businesses etc. By definition, a mission statement provides a short statement why an organisation exists and what is its overall goal. Mission statements can help respond to change and to meet the needs that might be required. Well, that's corporate mission then we have our Christian mission. In the Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth and declares his mission statement at his home synagogue. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....* where I will bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. In other words, turning the world order upside down. We will see through the Gospel of Luke how that is lived out through Jesus' ministry.

Since, I was a young priest, I have lived by my own mission statement that is "to know Jesus and to make Jesus known." I try to live this each day by what I say and what I do. If you had a mission statement, what would it say?

Our Land abounds in nature's gifts.

This year, Australia Day falls on a Sunday, a day when we come together in faith to reflect, give thanks, and seek guidance from God. We are a country rich in many ways - its resources, its surroundings and most importantly its people. Yes, we are truly blessed by this land we call home, Australia. Our Aboriginal brothers and sisters for thousands of years have shown us how to care for this land. Our religious faith was built upon the faith of the people who would gather against adversity in prayer, pray the rosary or simply care for each other in the early decades of settlement. They were the first signs of the church in Australia and the Church in Australia today is built on this foundation of prayer, gathering and care for each other.

This Sunday will not be easy for everyone especially our indigenous brothers and sisters. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers and to seek justice. This Australia Day, as we gather in our churches and homes, let us take this opportunity to reflect more deeply on what it means to celebrate our nation in a way that includes and respects all Australians, to listen with open hearts, and to discern how we, as a Nation, can continue the journey of reconciliation. May our faith inspire us to build a future where reconciliation and unity allow all Australians to celebrate together with pride, respect and hope. (From NATSICC – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Church)

Happy Australia Day!

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

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.

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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 2pm Wednesdays)

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 email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door.

Welcome

Welcome to all the visitors to our Parish of St John Vianney during the summer holiday season.

The Parish of St John Vianney Morisset, was officially formed in 1947, however our Mass center of St Patrick and St Brigid at Cooranbong, dates to the 1860's. The present Cooranbong Church celebrated its centenary in August 2006, and 150 years of Catholic presence in the area was celebrated in 2011.

It is documented that Saint Mary McKillop visited Cooranbong where she had a convent school. Up until 1966 St John Vianney Parish was part of the Diocese of Sydney, but now it is part of the Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle, with Bishop Michael Kennedy as Bishop.

The 9.30am Mass at Morisset is recorded each Sunday and uploaded to the Parish Website and Facebook later in the day, internet allowing. This allows people in nursing facilities and those away from the parish for whatever reason, to keep 'in touch' with the parish.

Australia Day

This Sunday we celebrate Australia Day.

As Christian Australians, we can both celebrate the good things we love about our nation, as well as recognise the wounds that need to be healed in the land and its people.

Let us remember that right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit. For thousands of years the Aboriginal people have listened to the mystery of God, in and through their culture. The great Portuguese explorers of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. It was a title given in 1606 by Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros of Portugal, long before Captain Cook sailed the east coast.

We have a beautiful country and there is no doubt about the work that God has given you and me, the Church, to do.

Formal Installation of Fr Darryl as Parish Priest

Hi everyone, the Bishop would like to formally install me as Parish Priest of the parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Toronto and Morisset.

The installation takes place within Mass. I have suggested that St Joseph's Toronto be the venue as it's the halfway point of the parishes.

The details are:

St Joseph's Catholic Church
140 Wangi Road Toronto NSW 2283
Wednesday 12th March 2025 6pm.
Thanks Darryl

Rostered Ministries

With the commencement of 2025, it heralds that it is time to review our rostered ministries.

It is important that people involved in all pastoral ministries receive the appropriate formation required and participate in refresher sessions.

A 'carry over' roster for February will operate. This will allow time for the appropriate formation and training sessions to be organised.

Private Showing of the Movie Conclave...

Fr Darryl has organized a private showing of the Movie Conclave. It a political thriller film about the selection of a new Pope. The movie is based on Robert Harris's 2016 novel of the same name.

Where: Lake Macquarie Cinema 62 Main Road Boolaroo NSW 2284

When: Monday 3rd February 2025 Starting at 6pm.

Cost: Tickets \$15

Save the Date

Southlake's Anglican Church Morisset, will be hosting the 2025 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer, Friday 7th March. Every year, the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. This year the focus country is The Cook Islands.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

With A Light Heart

Words to Live By

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

A person is just about as big as the things that make them angry.

A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep.

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

A TV can insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.

According to my calculations, the problem doesn't exist.

Adult: One old enough to know better.

After all is said and done, more is said than done

Age has its advantages. Too bad I can't remember what they are.

All generalizations are dangerous, even this one.

All work and no play will make you a manager.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.

Any clod can have the facts, but having an opinion is an art.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity



Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a special event on Sunday 2 March!

It will start with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds.

The festival will also mark the official Launch of Project Compassion 2025, where resources will be available.

All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, email mission@mn.catholic.org.au

Baptism Preparation

When parents are asked why they have chosen to have their child baptised, there is usually a wide range of responses.

Baptism is about belonging. It is the gateway to a new life of unity, sharing joys and struggles as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus.

If you are seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register your interest to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/DwDQgaUe6A>

Save the Dates the following Jubilee Year 2025 Diocese Events

2nd March 2025

Diocesan Launch—Pilgrimage, Mass and Festival—Foreshore Park to Sacred Heart Cathedral

8th August 2025

aMeN Camino Experience

25th September—11th October 2025

International Pilgrimage—Journey of St Paul and Rome

29th September—3rd October 2025

NATSICC Assembly—Hunter Valley

30th November—2nd December 2025

Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Melbourne

Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 40hrs

This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of pastoral/spiritual care. It is a qualification required by NSW Health for those wishing to become hospital chaplaincy visitors.

It covers such topics as listening skills, empathy, grief and loss, self-awareness and hospital procedures. A certificate is awarded on completion.

Further enquiries can be obtained by contacting Fr Roger Zohrab on 0418-438-649 or rzohrab@bigpond.com

Location: Mackillop Catholic Parish Centre, Milson St, CHARLESTOWN

Dates: Each Monday, commencing 3 February to 3 March

Time: 9am to 4pm

Cost: \$500

Sisters of Faith Dinner-Thursday February 20

Join our annual dinner that provides an enjoyable and respectful evening of dialogue among women from diverse backgrounds and faiths, fostering learning, sharing, and unity. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Faaimata Havea Hiliau – Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT as this year's guest speaker. The Moderator is elected to give prophetic and pastoral leadership to the people and congregations of the Synod and called to remind the church of our hope in Jesus Christ. Tickets for the dinner are limited to 100 women and can be purchased at a heavily subsidised price of \$35 from this link - <https://sisters-faith-2025.eventbrite.com.au>

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

The Immaculate Conception of Mary Charismatic Prayer Group will resume on Monday, February 3.

We are excited to invite you to experience charismatic prayer and worship and be inspired by our guest presenter, James Camden, Director of Mission and Evangelisation.

All are welcome

Date: Monday, February 3 Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Location: Diocesan Resource Centre 12 Tudor St. Newcastle West (Corner of Tudor and Parry St- adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral)

For more information contact Pam Tierney on 0447 498 298

Safeguarding for persons with disabilities

The safeguarding environment for persons with disabilities will likely change over the next 12 months as the federal government continues to respond to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disabilities recommendations. These recommendations can be found [here](#). The [Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission](#) is the national regulator of aged care services to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of older people. The new Aged Care Act which comes into place on July 1, 2025 will respond to the issues facing older people and will have implications for providers, families, carers and the broader community. As ACSL become aware of the changes for both people with disabilities and older people we will provide further updates.

National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and state regulation

Safeguarding is an increasing priority for everyone involved in the lives of children and adults at risk. Alas, at times it can be difficult to decipher which legislation is relevant, as there is a myriad of federal, state and territory legislation that needs to be implemented. The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations serve as a unified approach to ensuring child safety. A comprehensive guide to state and territory legislative requirements in relation to the Australian Child Safe Standards was recently published by Safe Space Legal, and you can access the resource [here](#).

2025- Lenten Reflection- Journey of Hope

Lent is often portrayed as a journey from one point in time to another, this time allows us to deeply reflect internally so our external actions imitate the resurrection and follow the living God. Lent is a penitential period when we attempt to develop an awareness of sin and our need for penance and forgiveness. This journey assists us in our transformation as we move from one state to another, a state that is renewed by hope in the Paschal Mystery, so we truly understand why the risen Jesus matters.

As we enter Lent during the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, let us use this time as an opportunity to reflect and seek forgiveness so we can experience the unlimited nature of God's Mercy.

You are invited to use this resource to reveal the mystery of God each week through the scriptures, faith sharing and consider how we are called to be constant companions in the journey of hope.

Sacramental Program

Families who have baptised children in Year 3 or above who would like to complete their sacraments of: Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion please register your expression of interest at: <https://forms.office.com/r/6B1AYN1SRB>

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, Diocese App, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection & SURNAME or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App. If you are considering taking up **planned giving** you may like to know that **a percentage of the contributions are tax deductible**. If you would like to know more or set up planned giving please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>PRESIDERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France H White	R Hay L Hutchinson
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Foo M Shamley	H White S Matthew
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson L McRae M Melvey	K Lendon J Hutchins K Amon
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	R Lawandos V Paulo
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	D Peterson J France	E Lawandos J Vipan
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Cameron Family A Walker G Walker	J France K Amon J Hutchins
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	P McIntyre C Lawandos K Lendon	XXXX R Hay C Hay



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

- CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL (F) - 25TH JAN
- AUSTRALIA DAY—26TH JAN
- SAINT ANGELA MERICI (OM) - 27TH JAN
- SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS (AUST) (OM) - 27TH JAN
- SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS (M) - 28TH JAN
- SAINT JOHN BOSCO (M) - 31ST JAN
- THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (F) - 2ND FEB
- SAINT ANSGAR (OM) - 3RD FEB
- SAINT BLAISE (OM) - 3RD FEB
- SAINT AGATHA (M) - 5TH FEB

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

Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Frank Simons, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Bruce Gillett.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers. Remembrance: Maria Bosdari, John Tome, Peter Tome.



UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

- Saturday 25th January 5pm
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 26th January 9.30am
Mass—Morisset
- Friday 31st January 10.30am
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 1st February 5pm
Mass—Morisset
- Sunday 2nd February 9.30am
Mass—Morisset
- Tuesday 4th February 9.30am
Liturgy—Morisset
- Friday 5th February 10.30am
Mass—Morisset

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
Australia Day Sunday 26 Jan 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.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

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

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the anointed one: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you renew us with your Spirit: 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.

Grant, we pray, O lord our God,
 that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,
 so may Christ bring light to our nation,
 to its peoples old and new,
 and by saving grace, transform our lives.
 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

Isaiah 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The effect of justice will be peace.

Once more there will be poured on us
 the spirit from above;
 then shall the wilderness be fertile land
 and fertile land become forest.
 In the wilderness justice will come to live
 and integrity in the fertile land;
 integrity will bring peace,
 justice give lasting security.
 My people will live in a peaceful home,
 in safe houses,
 in quiet dwellings.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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.

Matthew 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Happy the gentle:
 they shall have the earth for their heritage.
 Happy those who mourn:
 they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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,**

*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

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who through the Spirit anoints us with joy.

Reader: That leaders of the Church will act as disciples of truth and justice for all people.
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, as we commemorate Australia Day, we give thanks for the many gifts we have been granted, and continue to open our arms and hearts to migrants and refugees who come seeking a better life.
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will work for the afflicted and bring the good news to the poor.
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, as we commemorate Australia Day, we give thanks for the many gifts we have been granted, and continue to open our arms and hearts to migrants and refugees who come seeking a better life.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will find a renewed spirit through God's perfect Word of life.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will consciously deepen our understanding of the cultures and histories of our First Nations peoples.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will be called to eternal freedom with Christ, especially for our loved ones and those who were members of our community.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, through your power we are anointed with the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and help us to bring new sight to the blind as we live your Word in truth. We ask this 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 to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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