



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C SUNDAY 09 MARCH 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Our Lenten Season has begun. Lent is our annual forty-day retreat, a time to look at ourselves and our relationship with God, others and even self. Have you ever had a chance to visit or drive through a desert? They can be scary places, especially when it says no petrol station for the next 500kms! You hardly pass a car and it's usually just sand, sand, and more sand. Israel is a lot like Australia, it's very dry but every now and then, there is a natural spring that keeps life going. People who have been lost in the desert have described their experiences as both terrifying but enlightening because it brought out the best and the worst in them. Just like in the first reading, when the people of Israel ask where is God? They were called out into the desert to get to know God better. They wanted to trust God, but their empty stomachs said otherwise.

Jesus' journey into the desert is at the very beginning of his ministry. When Jesus enters the desert to pray and fast, he experiences what it means to be human – to doubt, to question and to wonder about the meaning of things, life etc. His temptations can be summarised as disbelieving who he is; doubting the kingdom he was proclaiming; and doubting God's providence...God always has our back! We certainly live in a fast-paced world, and we also face many temptations especially when the world says - you must be successful, it's okay to take shortcuts in life, to have the best of everything...what are some of the temptations you have to face?

As we did last year, to help enter into the spirit of a prayerful Lent, we have our Lenten Groups, in addition to these we will be holding Lenten Reflections with the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation around the parishes:

19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph's Church Toronto - 7pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – St Mary's Church Warners Bay – 7pm  
16<sup>th</sup> April – St John Vianney Church Morisset – 7pm

It was great to see so many from our parishes joining the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope from the walk, the Mass in the Cathedral and many watching online. It was a great day and celebration. Here is a short clip of the day....[Spirits soar at Diocesan Jubilee event | Maitland-Newcastle Catholic News](#). When the dates for the other pilgrimage sites become available, I will let you know. Closer to home, St Patricks & St Brigid's Cooranbong is one of our Diocesan pilgrimage sites.

Just a reminder that our weekday Masses change this week...Morisset will change to 9.30am on Tuesday and Toronto will change to 9.30am on Friday.

Have a great week everyone and welcome home Fr Raphael hope you had a great holiday!

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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**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.

## Diocesan Jubilee Event

Last Sunday forty Morisset parishioners gathered with over 1,000 people from around the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle, to celebrate the Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year. It was an incredible opportunity for those attending to unite and embrace their shared faith. Bishop Michael Kennedy said the event was a great example of people being together with God, while spirits were soaring.

It started with a Pilgrimage of Hope from Nobbys Beach to Sacred Heart Cathedral, where Bishop Michael Kennedy and people from across the Diocese walked in unison, celebrating everything they receive from God.

After the pilgrimage, the Cathedral was overflowing for an inspiring and reflective Mass, before everyone enjoyed a festival of family activities, free food, and connection.

## Weekday Mass

Beginning next Tuesday 10th March 2025, Mass will be held on Tuesdays in the Morisset Church 9.30am

## Anointing Mass

An Anointing Mass will be held in the Morisset Church Friday 21st March 10.30am followed by a Cuppa.

## Significant Dates-2025

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Saturday March 15

Formation/Training Morisset Church 10am

### Communion Ministers to the Sick: Saturday March 22

Thank you Morning-Tea. (Star Café. -Dora St Morisset) 10am.

### Parish Assembly: -Sunday June 29.-After 9.30am Mass

The Assembly will review;

The Parish Finances

Statutes of PPC & PFC

Parish Vision for 2030.

## 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.

Toronto Parish will be organising the supper. They have asked if our parish could assist with the supply of sandwiches. If you can help contact John or Uta.

## With A Light Heart

An elderly woman visited a grocery store and requested seven kilograms of potatoes. The owner was delighted to help and started packing the potatoes. However, the woman stopped him and requested that each potato be wrapped individually. The man complied and asked if there was anything else he could help with. The woman then requested four kilograms of onions to be wrapped in a similar manner. The shop owner packed the onions and asked if there was anything else.

The woman then requested seven kilograms of carrots. Let me guess," said the owner with a sour face, "you want them wrapped individually."

"Oh, that would be wonderful." she said. The shop owner did as he was asked and packed all her items in a bag.

The woman then said, "What are in those crates behind you?" The man flushed red and said, "Madam, these are grapes and they are not for sale!"

## Lenten Journey

Lent is a time to examine our ways, repent our failings and imitate God's love and mercy. The season culminates in the Easter liturgies, the Triduum, as the church recalls the paschal mystery. With hope and grace, we welcome this season of repentance and renewal.

During Lent the Parishes Communities of Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto will host a 'Lenten Journey' in their Churches. Everyone is invited to make this 'Lenten Journey' together.

There will also be an opportunity for reconciliation at each church on this journey.

Toronto Wednesday 19th March 7pm

Warners Bay-Wednesday 2nd April 7pm.

Morisset -Wednesday 16th April 7pm

## Sacramental Team News

The Sacramental Team met with Fr Darryl and Fr Paul this week to plan the Sacramental Process for 2025.

It was decided to call an information meeting for all parents who are interested in having their children involved in the sacraments. this year, **Tuesday evening 18th March 6pm** in the Callinan Centre.

## Baptism Preparation

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>

## Diaconal Ordination of Anton Perera

The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle cordially invites the People of the Diocese to the Diaconal Ordination of Anton Perera by Most Reverend Michael Kennedy on Friday 4th April 2025 at 7pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St Newcastle West.

Refreshments will be served in the Victor Peters Suite following the Liturgy.

## Meditation Retreat Morning

You are invited to come along to the Diocesan Resource Centre from 9.30am to 12pm on Saturday 29 March for a Meditation Retreat Morning. The cost is \$10, and morning tea will be provided. Email [annecuskelly@hotmail.com](mailto:annecuskelly@hotmail.com) for more information.

**St John Vianney Parish Morisset**  
*Invite you to an*  
**ANOINTING MASS**  
**ON FRIDAY 21ST MARCH**  
**AT 10.30AM IN**  
**ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH**  
**60 YAMBO ST MORISSET**  
**FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA**  
*an anointing with the "Oil of the Sick" for the sick,*  
*frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing*



## PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - *a time of renewal and solidarity*.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education.

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



### Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/morriset-catholic-parish-2264>

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

### Lent in a Year of Hopeful Jubilation

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset, with Mass, on Holy Thursday.

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It is a 40-day time of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor that helps Christians prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and transformation. A time to make right with others and God.

Rather than fasting or giving up something for Lent, more and more often the focus has become that of a conversion of the heart as Christians try to become more like Christ, and give up the behaviours that are not life-giving to others. Therefore, 'fasting' could include such things as sharing your time and gifts with others and donating money where it is needed - being bringers of hope to others.

Hope is a powerful force, and when it's lacking, it can truly stifle dreams and aspirations. Addressing this deficit of hope is essential for fostering a society where dreams can flourish, and voices can be heard.

In the lead up to 2025, which is a Jubilee Year, Pope Francis designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. This year of prayer was to encourage people to focus on a prayer life that comes from the heart. He wanted our hearts ready for a Jubilee Year, where we are to be pilgrims of hope.

This idea of pilgrimage is an active one. The idea that we put one foot in front of the other - it indicates we are going somewhere. So, where are we going this Lent?

This led me to thinking about Pope Francis' message for Lent last year. It is titled *Through the Desert God Leads us to Free-*

*dom*. When we think of deserts, we often think of places that are dry and desolate. Our lives can be like this where we have 'moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert'. [1] Moving from a desert place into a place of reflection offers an opportunity to focus on personal growth, spiritual renewal, and acts of compassion. By embracing the spirit of Lent, individuals can find new sources of inspiration and hope, which can collectively contribute to a more hopeful and creative society. How do you envision this Lenten journey impacting your community? Are there specific actions or initiatives you think could help foster this sense of renewal and hope?

[1] Pope Francis (2024), *Lenten Message, Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom*. Dicastero per la Comunicazione - Libreria Editrice Vaticana

To access Pope Francis' 2025 Lenten Message- *Let us journey together in hope*, to go: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/02/25/250225b.html>

### Jubilee Art Exhibition – Saturday 31 May

Members of the Diocesan community are invited to create an artwork focusing on the theme - "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). Winning entries will travel across the Diocese in a travelling exhibition during the Jubilee Year.

**Entry Categories:** A. Primary School B. High School C. Adult  
**Prize for each Category:** 1st Prize - \$500, 2nd Prize - \$250, 3rd Prize - \$100

#### Key dates:

Friday 9 May - Registration of artworks Jubilee Art Exhibition

Saturday 31 May - Exhibition Opening: 2pm-4pm, Veritas Centre, San Clement Catholic College, Mayfield

#### Requirements:

Artworks created on A4 paper (only) leaving a 2cm boarder for framing. Any medium suitable for a 2D artwork on paper can be used. Artist Statement - maximum 250 words -describe how your artwork connects with the theme, 'Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Rom 5:1-2.5)'.  
**Enquires:** [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March 2025

That families in crisis might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## Lenten Reflection Evenings with Reconciliation for Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto Parish Communities

19th March 2025 at 7pm  
St Joseph's  
140 Wangi Rd Toronto

2nd April 2025 at 7pm  
St Mary's  
2 Bayview St Warners Bay

16th April 2025 at 7pm  
St John Vianney  
60 Yambo St Morisset



Everyone Welcome to attend all Evenings



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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	J Vipan U France	J France R Hay
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Foo H White	J Foo G Whalen
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon D Whitten	J Parkins K Tonkin
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	J Lawandos L Hutchinson
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	D Peterson T Alexander	E Lawandos J Vipan
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Cameron A Dussin	K Lendon K Amon
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	C Vangsnes K Lendon	XXXX A Walker G Walker



**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES**

- SAINT JOHN OF GOD (OM) - 8TH MAR
- SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (OM) - 18TH MAR
- SAINT JOSEPH (S) - 19TH MAR
- THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S) - 25TH MAR
- SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (OM) - 2ND APR
- SAINT ISIDORE (OM) - 4TH APR
- SAINT VINCENT FERRER (OM) - 5TH APR
- SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DE LA SALLE (M) - 7TH APR
- SAINT STANISLAUS (M) - 11TH APR
- PALM SUNDAY— 13TH APR

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

Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Colin Stewart, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Koby Smith, 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.**



**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

- Saturday 8th March 5pm  
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 9th March 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Tuesday 11th March 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 15th March 5pm  
Mass—Morisset
- Sunday 16th March 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Tuesday 18th March 9.30am  
Mass—Morisset
- Saturday 22nd March 5pm  
Mass—Cooranbong
- Sunday 23rd March 9.30am  
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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au),*

*or visit their website for further information:*

*[www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)*

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## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

First Sunday of Lent Year C Sunday 09 Mar 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.  
In union with the whole Church,  
we call upon the mercy of the Lord  
in this season of repentance and renewal.

#### Opening Rite

##### LITANY OF PRAISE

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are our strength in times of trial: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have abolished death and brought life through the Gospel: 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,  
your Son, Jesus, was led to the wilderness  
and strengthened by your Spirit.

As we begin this season of Lent  
may we remove all obstacles  
so that we may become more holy  
and do deeds of love.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

##### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

##### Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

#### Second Reading

##### Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

##### Luke 4:1-13

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the

devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**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, filled with the Holy Spirit, let us bring our needs before the Lord.

**Reader:** That filled with the Holy Spirit, the Pope and Bishops will forever proclaim the Faith of God's Church.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That, by confessing the name of God, Christians throughout the world will have faith that the Lord saves all who call on him.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That those who live under the threat of cyclones, floods, fires and other disasters will remain safe.

In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That we will be generous in our support for Project Compassion and unite against poverty in areas of great need.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That the sick will find comfort in the Lord's abiding shelter and love, especially for Pope Francis and our loved ones.  
In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That those who have died will be held by the hand of God and raised with the angels to his heavenly home, especially for our loved ones.  
In your mercy:

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

**Leader:** Loving Father, we worship you as the Lord and God of all. Hear our prayers and give us the power of your Holy Spirit to resist the temptation of evil and to serve you alone. 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 bless us in all things through Christ  
so that we may work together in loving service.

*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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