

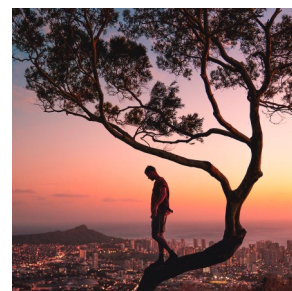


THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 30 OCT 2022

Today we hear the story of the conversion of the rich tax-collector, Zacchaeus. He had become a wealthy man, by overtaxing the poor.

Jesus is not opposed to wealth or possessions. He is opposed to stinginess. He is opposed to people's unwillingness to share with "the least of these." He is opposed to the lack of hospitality and kindness that allows us eagerly to share all the blessings we've been given. Jesus says to Zacchaeus, "Come down."

Perhaps that's exactly what he's saying to each of us: Come down. Come down from our arrogance, which tells us that what we possess we deserve to keep only for ourselves. Come down from the miserliness in us that wants to hoard our possessions, as though they alone will bring us happiness.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal People who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
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	Sat & Sun

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

PRIEST SUPERVISOR:	Fr Geoff Mulhearn
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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	29th October 5pm Liturgy— Cooranbong
Sunday	30th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Tuesday	25th October 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	5th November 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	6th November 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	8th November 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

WE ENCOURAGE

**MASK WEARING
PHYSICAL DISTANCING
HAND SANITISING,
STAY HOME IF SICK**

We are no longer offering the option to book in for services we are back to walk in.

We are still recording our Sunday Services and placing them on our Website and Facebook page for you to view if you are sick and unable to attend services.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.



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REFLECTION FOR THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C **– 30TH OCTOBER 2022**

When Jesus stopped in Jericho, a town not far from Jerusalem, he was on his way there to face his dreaded death on the cross. His fame as a teacher and the stories of the miracles he had wrought had preceded him and so the crowds gathered to hear him.

Among them was a man, Zacchaeus, a wealthy man and a senior tax collector. As such, he was despised by his fellow Jews, as a hated lackey of the Roman occupiers. Like others of his kind, he had to collect a certain amount in tax from the citizens; anything over and above this, he was able to keep for himself, so the scene was set for exploitation. On this occasion he was determined to see Jesus but he was of small stature and there was no way the crowd would part to let him through, so he ran ahead and climbed a tall tree to see Jesus as he passed. But Jesus did not pass by; he stopped, called to Zacchaeus to come down as he wanted to stay at his home. Zacchaeus, overjoyed, welcomed Christ into his heart and home. There is no doubt that Zacchaeus had already received the call of the Spirit, first in seeking Christ out and then in his immediate turn around, when he renounced his old way of life, promising to give half his possessions to the poor and repaying anyone he had cheated four times over.

The crowd, which had been so filled with anticipation at the thought of seeing and hearing Jesus, turned against him, just as the crowd did in Jerusalem. They grumbled about his consorting with such a sinner. They failed completely to understand that Christ came to offer his Salvation to all; he came for the sinners, “to seek out and save what was lost”. His love is all inclusive. We just have to accept what is offered. Just as Jesus wanted to stay with Zacchaeus, so he wants to stay with us.

Luke’s Gospel account leaves me asking myself to what lengths am I prepared to go to see and hear Jesus. How judgemental am I of other people who make life choices that are very different from mine?

We each have the opportunity to “see” and “hear” Jesus in the Scriptures; through these he “speaks” to us. He gives us two commandments: “*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind*” and “*You shall love your neighbour as*

yourself”. (Matt 22:37,39) We can “see” Jesus in our fellow man: when we see someone hungry or thirsty and give them food or drink, when we welcome a stranger, or give comfort to the sick or grieving, Christ tells us “*whenever you did this to one of the least of my brothers you did it to me*”. (Matt 25:40)

Last Sunday we were reminded of this in the video for Catholic Mission when we were asked to support the mission in Ethiopia. It is not possible to separate love of God from love for people. We love and worship an invisible God but we can still see and hear Jesus speak to us and he has promised “*I am with you always until the end of this world.*” (Matt 28:20) Moreover, every time we attend Mass we have the opportunity for a close encounter with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, an invitation to join him at his table. Pam Melvey

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE: THE HUSTLE

Qwayne Guevara is a much sought-after speaker and innovative evangeliser. Born in the Philippines and moving to Australia in her first year of life, Qwayne was brought up with a strong Catholic faith and a deep sense of gratitude towards the opportunities afforded to her and her family. Upon reflecting on her own experiences, Qwayne saw the need to provide safe spaces for young people to grow and flourish both socially and spiritually. Qwayne had a dream and made it a reality when she started “The Hustle” a warehouse in the Western Suburbs of Sydney which she transformed into a basketball court and community hub.

Come and hear Qwayne share her amazing story and intriguing insights in bringing ‘The Hustle’ to life.

Date: Monday 7 November Time: Dinner from 6.00pm Talk from 7.00pm-8.00pm

Location: Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont St Hamilton (The Hudson Room)

For further enquiries please contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373

WAITING WITH PURPOSE

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

To access the resource, go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837

FAITH MATTERS: VOLUNTEERING WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

Our mission involves working together to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of God's people.... we are called to serve, and there are many people behind the scenes who are doing just that, making a difference in the lives of hundreds of others.

NICKI GRAHAM PUBLISHED OCTOBER 25, 2022

We are all, at various points in our lives, short on time. Work, family and other commitments can leave us feeling like we have nothing left to give. But, have you ever considered on what there is to gain by volunteering?

Summer Harrison, a young Youth Minister, works every day over several jobs as she studies for her university degree. Still, she makes the time for volunteering, saying helping others makes her feel fulfilled. In fact, she says the gift of volunteering replenishes her and provides her with even more energy to continue with her daily routine.

"Volunteering makes me prioritise over those things," Summer says.

"Work and Uni are things that I feel I must do, but don't necessarily want to do all the time. However, my time spent volunteering has helped me realise, somewhat ironically, how much reward there is in giving selflessly... you see that when you step away from your own distractions and help others."

Sometimes we might feel as though the act of volunteering is too big a task, or that we don't know where to start. Volunteering helps you to know your skills and strengths and discover new skills as you go.

Vynette Shrimpton volunteers as a Special Religious Education teacher in state schools. She was unsure about how her lessons would be structured until she had done her research.

"I'm enriched by sharing my knowledge and passion with the children as I know that I'm handing on something precious that will help them on their faith journey."

Her work with young people is like tending to a precious garden. She plants the seed and helps nourish it with her knowledge, love and joy of the Gospel.

"They know that God loves them and if I can come away seeing that they realize how much they are loved by God then I'm doing my job."

Catherine Kilpatrick has served as a volunteer for more than fifteen years and she knows that teaching SRE has increased her prayer time as she reflects upon lessons that were and lessons ahead.

Helene O'Neil spends a great deal of time working with charitable organisations within the diocese whilst holding a full-time job as Chaplain to the Curia. She says she has witnessed an increase in the demand in need for volunteers across the community, including to help provide Diocesan services such as Special Religious Education.

But, how do you know if you've got something to offer?

Helen says that with various volunteering opportunities available, there is something to suit everyone's skills set and availability and that making an enquiry with Pastoral Ministries is a great place to start.

"Perhaps you may feel as though the skills, experience and expertise that you have is not enough, or that you have nothing to share. But we all have gifts we can share and sometimes that can just be listening to someone in their time of need."

Summer agrees, adding that her vast experiences in volunteering have helped her to assist various causes, but also develop new skills, meet new people and learn about things she would never would have otherwise.

"I am probably the happiest I've ever been when I am helping other people."

If you would like to learn more about the various volunteering

opportunities that exist within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and how you might be able to assist, please contact the Pastoral Ministries team on 4979 1200.

MOSAIC MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mosaic Multicultural Connections, formerly known as Northern Settlement Services and the Newcastle and Hunter Migrant Resource Centre, will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Thursday 3 November at the Newcastle Exhibition Centre (NEX).

At the event you'll hear from 2017 NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut. A refugee and former child soldier from South Sudan, Deng is now a defence lawyer and refugee advocate in Western Sydney. His incredible story will be shared, followed by a Q&A.

Enjoy an evening of celebrating with a two-course meal and a showcase of local multicultural performances.

It starts at 5.30pm in The Arena, dress code is relaxed-formal and colourful, and they highly recommend Traditional/Cultural dress. Tickets start at \$120, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mosaic-multicultural-connections-40th-anniversary> to purchase.

A DAY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

As the liturgical calendar leads to Year A and the Gospel of Matthew, we are excited to have

Dr Michele Connolly rsj Associate Professor of Biblical Studies Catholic Institute of Sydney, visit the Diocese.

The day will include both presentation and discussion around the literary structure, organisation, history and intended audience of the Gospel of Matthew.

Issues for Interpretation, comparison with other Synoptic Gospels; the ancient historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds and Matthew's prominent themes will be explored.

Several pieces of scripture will be unpacked and interpreted on the day. **Date:** Thursday 10 November **Time:** 9:00AM – 3:30PM **Where:** Victor Peters Suit, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West **Cost:** \$25 (includes Morning tea and Lunch)

Registration: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-on-the-gospel-of-matthew-tickets-413966584197

DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY ON OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

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

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

The reflection purpose will be:

To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people

To pray, reflect and engage with one another

To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles

To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions

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

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS REUNION.

Willoughby Antioch will be having a 40 years Reunion on Saturday 21st January 2023 at St Thomas' Willoughby. It would be greatly appreciated if you could Spread the word. For further information email: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1ST COLLECTION

We wish to thank those who have continued to support the Clergy and are asking for those who are not doing so to consider making contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, the Diocese App or set up a direct debit arrangement (contact the parish office for this option).

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2ND COLLECTION

We wish to thank everyone who has continued their support of our Parish during these very different times. You can support our Parish at Mass via the RED bucket or deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CDF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and Giver Number, or you can use the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

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

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding (ph: 4979 1390 or email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au), or visit their website for further information (www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au).

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

ALL SAINTS— 1ST NOVEMBER
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED— 2ND NOVEMBER
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO— 4TH NOVEMBER
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA— 9TH NOVEMBER
SAINT LEO THE GREAT— 10TH NOVEMBER
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS— 11TH NOVEMBER
SAINT JOSAPHAT— 12TH NOVEMBER
SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY— 17TH NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING— 20TH NOVEMBER

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

Brian Grogan, Fiona McAlinden, Stephen McKay, June Purcell, Jeremy McMullen, Harry Goldman, Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, John Francisco, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett, Koby Smith, Patricia Jones.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

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

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

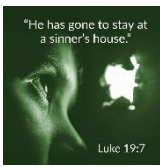
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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





SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 30 Oct 2022

The Introductory Rites

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as Australia's First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work and live.

We honour and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the spiritual culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

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

Gathering

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

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one,
and strengthens us
by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.
We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

Litany Of Praise

Leader:

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

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you show mercy to sinners: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are our promise of the future: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you seek out those who are lost: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

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

All:

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

hear our prayer and bring light

God our Father

you have called us to love you

with our whole being.

Help us to live out your commandment of love

by serving you and loving our neighbour.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. What is significant about the fact that this episode takes place in Jericho?

Q. What is remarkable about Jesus' first words to Zacchaeus?

Q. Why do the people in the crowd complain about Jesus going to the house of Zacchaeus?

Q. Where in your community do you see signs of welcome and acceptance?

Q. Where do you see the need for welcome and acceptance?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

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

All:

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

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

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Let us come before the God of mercy and compassion who is open to those who seek him.

Reader: That the Church, ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, open to everyone, and always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That church leaders, bishops, priests and deacons, will grow ever closer to you so that their lives will reflect your teaching.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will respect the splendour of God's creation and care for the world and its people.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wealth and power will place themselves at the service of those in need.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are lost may be found and know Christ's saving love.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the world will become aware of, and act on, the evil of modern slavery which affects millions of poor and vulnerable people, including children who are enduring forced labour.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will always be ready to seek out and welcome outsiders.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be rescued from their distress, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will be held close to the Lord forever, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, you have given us a share in the good things of heaven and earth. Hear our prayers that we may welcome you into our midst and make known your saving deeds. We ask this through Jesus your Son.

All: Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

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

All:

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

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

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

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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The poster features a large white cross on a magenta background. A dotted line traces a pilgrimage route: starting from a group of people in the top right, passing through a village, then a bridge, and ending at a church. A silhouette of the Virgin Mary is integrated into the cross. The text 'WYD LISBON 2023' is prominently displayed. A quote from Luke 1:39 is included, along with a QR code for more information.

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