



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parish Family,

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.'

When you hear this Sunday's Gospel does it attract you to want to follow Jesus? Or want to be a Christian? Not likely! I for one don't like being disliked, nor abused or being called a criminal. Nor do I wish to be poor (well at least comfortable), hungry or grieving. Luke's version of the Beatitudes is challenging, two concepts that are at odds with each other...Happy and poor, happy and hungry and happy and grieving. However, these fit into God's divine plan as we heard a few weeks ago when Jesus opened the scroll of Isaiah and gave us his mission plan – to turn things upside down!

In the Book of Deuteronomy (15:7-11) God commanded the people of Israel to "open wide your hand to your brother (and sister); to the needs and to the poor, in your land." The command from God was if you had been blessed with wealth, a good job, winning the lottery then you were encouraged to be open handed towards others less fortunate. So, Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger as though they were good things in themselves but instead saying they are evils to be eradicated. Why this message to his new disciples who had just left everything, their businesses, homes and families to come and to follow? He wanted them to know from the start, this is what you're getting yourself into. No doubt there were others listening also who were living comfortable lives with full stomachs and much to laugh about, perhaps at the cost of others. The Beatitudes basically call for a preparedness to be vulnerable because it's in our vulnerability, we have our greater need for God.

I was thinking, it doesn't take much to be poor these days you only have to go grocery shopping. I've also been listening to the Commission this week, this is challenging our big grocery stores and their prices. What was shocking to learn that it works out cheaper to buy take away then to buy ingredients at home to make a simple sandwich.... but home cooking always tastes better.

It's good to see our students back at school and a special welcome to our kindergarten and Year 7 classes. Last week and continuing this week, we have our opening school liturgies to celebrate the school's new year. I've met with our Religious Education Coordinators at each of our schools and there has been a request, if we could change our weekday mass times to enable classes to come and join our parish communities. The proposal is this:

Tuesdays: 9.00am OLHC Boolaroo / 9.30am SJV Morisset

Wednesdays: 9.00am SM Booragul

Thursdays: 9.15am SM Warners Bay

Fridays: 9.30am SJ Toronto

Please send any feedback to either myself (Darryl.mackie@mn.catholic.org.au) or the Parish office (stmarythecross@mn.catholic.org.au). I will advise when these are to commence, if everyone is ok with the changes.

Have a great week everyone.

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.

Jubilee Year

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 at 8am to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds.

Those parishioners who are interested in attending let us know and if you would like to travel together as a parish. We are looking at having two buses leaving at different times One for those who would like to do the Pilgrimage, Mass and Festival.

And a second one for those who like to go to the Mass and Festival.

To register please complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/24JuHeDEtD>

Or the sign-up sheet at the back of the church this weekend.

Cuppa and Biscuits

A 'cuppa and biscuits' will be held in the Callinan Centre after 9.30am Mass tis Sunday – All welcome.

Opening School Mass

SJV School will celebrate the opening of the School Year 2025 with Mass in the School Hall this Wednesday 19th February at 11.30am.

Shrove Tuesday

SJV School will celebrate Shrove Tuesday 4th March with Mass in the Morisset Church at 9.15am, followed by Pancakes and Ice cream. All welcome.

PS Could anyone help us make pancakes?

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday officially begins the season of Lent and the Easter Cycle, on any date from February 4 to March 10, depending on the date of Easter. Ash Wednesday this year will be celebrated on Wednesday 5 March.

To help celebrate Ash Wednesday, Mass will be held in the Morisset Church at 10am (School Mass) & 6.30pm.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian initiative.

It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

This year 2025 it will be held Friday 7th March at 10am in the Southlake's Anglican Church.33 Newcastle St Morisset. This year the focus country is **The Cook Islands** Prior to the arrival of missionaries, the Cook Islands had their own ancient religion, which was shared by island cultures throughout Polynesia.

The first Christian missionaries arrived in 1821 and had an immediate impact.

Nevertheless, the Cook Islanders have preserved their Polynesian heritage, blending it with their Christian faith.

Christianity is now the religion most prevalent in the Cook Islands, with approximately 84.2 percent of the population identifying with one of the Cook Islands' major Christian denominations. Religion is important, and Sundays are widely observed as days of worship and rest.

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

Thank you to everyone who have already indicated their willingness to be part of the rostered ministries. If you haven't done so, but you are intending to complete a form, could you please do so by the weekend 22/23 February. This will then allow formation/training to commence, and rosters to be organised.

Sign-Up Forms are available at the back of the church, or you may complete the Form 'online' at : <https://forms.office.com/r/hk22QHbHqA>

Please note that the sign-up forms are for new sign-ups and all current volunteers.

With A Light Heart

Angelina Lupo decided to visit the gravesite of her late husband, Vincent, after Mass.

Her retired criminal husband had been dead just one month, so Angelina thought it was time to say a prayer at his gravesite. But when Angelina arrived at the cemetery, she couldn't find her hubby's resting place.

Finally, she came across a grounds keeper who ushered her into a small room where the records were kept. Poring over maps and lists of the deceased, he turned to the widow and said, "I can't find any record of a Vincent Lupo buried here. The closest I can find is an Angelina Lupo."

"That's him," she cried. "He always put everything in my name."

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2025

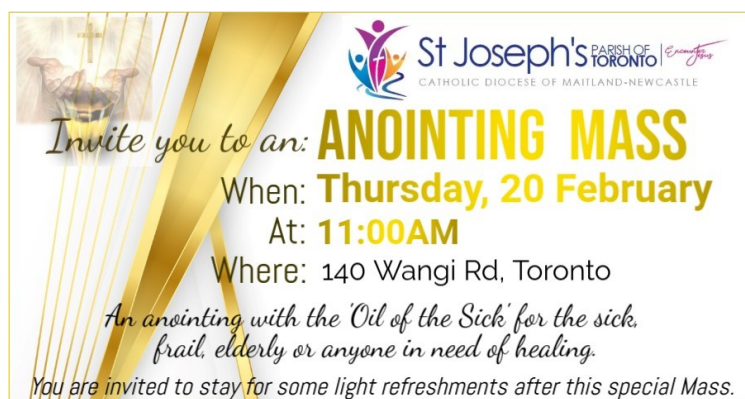
That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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>

Sacramental News

Word has been received from the Bishops Office, that Bishop Michael Kennedy will visit our Parish on Friday 25th July to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Morisset Church at 7pm.



The graphic features a golden background with a central image of a priest performing an anointing. The text is in white and yellow, providing details for the event. The St Joseph's Parish of Toronto logo is in the top right corner.

St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Invite you to an: **ANOINTING MASS**
When: **Thursday, 20 February**
At: **11:00AM**
Where: 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.
You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.

Celebrating the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage on Sunday 2nd March 2025 For the Parishes of Boolaroo, Booragul, Morisset and Toronto.

With the Jubilee of Hope being launched at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton on Sunday 2nd March, all parishioners are both invited and encouraged to attend this major event (as it only happens once every 25 years).

How can I get to the Cathedral?

With many people expected to attend the events, parking will be difficult. To assist our parishioners getting there, we have ordered buses (free of charge). There are two ways of being part of the pilgrimage:

- for those who are able to walk from Nobby's Beach foreshore to the Cathedral (about 4kms), the pilgrimage walk will begin at 8am.
- for those unable to walk that distance and still want to be part of the pilgrimage, we have arranged for you to be dropped off closer to the Cathedral.

Early bus to Nobby's Beach

Morisset	6.30am
Toronto	6.50am
Boolaroo	7.05am
Warners Bay	7.15am
Nobbys Beach	7.45am

Later bus to the Cathedral

Morisset	8.15am
Toronto	8.35am
Boolaroo	8:50am
Warners Bay	9.05am
Cathedral	9.30am

Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by stalls, displays, kids' entertainment and free food outlets. The event is expected to finish around 1pm and our buses will be ready to take us home at that time.

To assist us with our bus planning could you please mark on the sheets in the churches, if you will be attending and which bus (time and place) you will be joining.

Changes to Masses for the 1st/2nd March 2025

To encourage as many people as possible to attend there will be only one Sunday morning Mass in the 4 parishes which will be held at St Mary's Warners Bay at 9.00am. It will be live streamed, as will the Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral for those who cannot attend.

All Vigil Masses will remain the same Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo (5.30pm) and St John Vianney Morisset (5.00pm). Please note that there will also be an additional Vigil Mass this weekend at St Joseph's Toronto (5.30pm).

Jubilee Indulgence

Bishop Michael writes: *This year provides an opportunity for personal and communal renewal and calls us to be "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind" (Spes non confundit, 10). As part of this renewal, it is customary during years of Jubilee for the Church to make indulgences available for the faithful. Indulgences are gifts of grace of God's mercy and can be acquired through pilgrimage, visiting sacred places and works of mercy. When making a pilgrimage or visiting a designated diocesan church of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year the faithful will be able to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence.*

All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence ie. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (all preferably on the same day or otherwise close to the day) will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above.

If you have any questions please contact the parish offices stmarythecross@mn.catholic.org.au or morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

May this Holy Year be marked by a hope that does not fade and spreads to all who need it in our world.



10 Questions about the Jubilee Year

What is the 2025 Jubilee Year all about? Find out below!

Fiona Duque PUBLISHED February 04, 2025

What is a Jubilee Year?

Jubilees are wonderful celebrations of significant milestones. You probably hear it most when people are talking about years of marriage. Catholic Jubilee Years encompass many practices and rituals. Pilgrims undertake journeys, often travelling to significant holy sites. The ritual opening of the Holy Door by the Pope. The focus on reconciliation allows forgiveness and healing. Liturgy and prayer offer moments of reflection, devotion communal worship, and strengthening of faith and beliefs that reinforce renewal and transformation that are central themes to the Jubilee Year.

What does the Bible say?

In Leviticus 25:10, we read that a jubilee is rooted in the idea of remission and universal pardon. The Jubilee Year in Jewish tradition is indeed a time of great joy and forgiveness. It marks the 50th year, during which debts are forgiven, enslaved people are freed, and land is returned to its original owners. The Jewish people call it Yovel, named after the ram's horn, that is blown signifying its start.

Why does the Catholic Church celebrate Jubilee Years?

The establishment of the first jubilee or "Holy Year" by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 was a significant moment in history and continues to be so for the Catholic Church. The jubilee signifies a period of special grace and celebration. The fundamental idea remains the same as it does for the Jewish people – remission, renewal, and reconciliation. It also encompasses broader themes of solidarity, hope, and justice. It's a call to serve with joy and to live in peace with one another, and the opportunity for a deeper connection with God's grace.

When is it celebrated?

Within the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilees have generally been celebrated every 25 or 50 years, with extraordinary jubilees in addition depending on what needs there might be in the world. For example, Pope Francis called an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. This year's Jubilee started on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica. It will finish on 6 January 2026 the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

How is it launched?

Within the Catholic Church, it is the opening of this Holy Door that is a threshold moment that holds deep symbolic meaning within the context of the Jubilee. The act of the Pope opening the door is a powerful moment, marking the start of the Holy Year and inviting the faithful to partake in the blessings and graces associated with it. It is a beautiful expression of the transformative power of faith and the hope it brings to millions worldwide.

Why is pilgrimage an important aspect of the Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is a profound year of grace, mercy and conversion involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. It calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. It's a journey that nourishes the soul and brings the pilgrim closer to God, and the call God has on their life. Therefore, a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year can be a profoundly enriching practice that encompasses personal transformation, communal faith, historical continuity, and spiritual renewal.

What is the theme of this year's Jubilee?

In Pope Francis' Papal Bull (a proclamation issued by the Pope) announcing the Jubilee Year, the initial words were 'hope does not disappoint'. And so, the call is to be Pilgrims of Hope (official theme) and in the words of Pope Francis: "A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life." And in the words of Bishop Michael: "When we journey, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves by allowing God's grace to touch us."

How can I get involved?

First and foremost, on Sunday 2 March there will be the Diocesan Launch. This will be a fantastic day of community where everyone from across the Diocese is invited to a pilgrimage, Mass and festival. On this day, more information will be available about other significant events on the calendar. There is also the opportunity to receive a Pilgrim Passport for those wishing to make the journey to as many of our local pilgrimage sites as possible. Read on to find out more...

What are the larger events on the calendar?

On 6 April, join with other churches in our area as we walk The Way of the Cross. On 8 Aug, there will be an aMeN caMiNo Experience for those who would like to support our Camino pilgrims. There is also an amazing opportunity to pilgrim with Bishop Michael following in the footsteps of St Paul and visiting Rome from 25 Sept-11 Oct. The NATSICC Assembly will be on 29 Sept-3 Oct, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival on 30 Nov-2 Dec in Melbourne. For more information, email: mission@mn.catholic.org.au

Where are our local pilgrimage sites?

Bishop Michael particularly wishes to highlight parish communities who have offered their Churches as sites of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. The official sites are as follows: [Sacred Heart Cathedral-Newcastle West](#), [St Mary Star of the Sea-Newcastle](#), [St John the Baptist Shrine-Maitland](#), [St Joseph's-East Maitland](#), [St Joseph's-Murrurundi](#), [Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace-Scone](#), [Our Lady of the Rosary Church-Taree](#) and [Saints Patrick & Brigid-Cooranbong](#) (you could make this last one part of your support to the Camino pilgrims). Keep watching for more events to follow as the year goes on...

Join us!

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 at 8am to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass at 10am and a Festival at 11am in the Cathedral precinct grounds. All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope.



For more information

To help our parishes celebrate this special event please read over the page.



Start a safer internet conversation this Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is a global day of action was on 11 February 2025.

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle PUBLISHED February 10, 2025

Led by the eSafety Commissioner in Australia, Safer Internet Day highlights the importance of online safety issues and aims to foster a safer and more positive digital culture and environment within our communities.

It is an important annual reminder to educate ourselves and others on being safe online.

Here are 5 tips to help create a safer internet experience:

Be kind: practice respect, empathy and kindness online

Be mindful: balance your time online and consume and share positive and respectful content

Speak up: report online abuse and harmful content

Start the conversation: talk about online safety with your networks and communities, family, friends and colleagues

Share online safety resources: promote online safety tools and tips with your community

Access additional resources from the eSafety Commissioner at: [Resources for communities and families | eSafety Commissioner](#)



Arts celebrated as part of Jubilee 2025

Catholics are being invited to reflect on the importance of art and artists, as the Church marks the Jubilee of Artists from February 15-18.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference PUBLISHED February 03, 2025

The Jubilee of Artists is one of dozens of major events under the banner of the Jubilee year, which has the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”.

As part of the celebrations, the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council – an expert advisory body to the Bishops Commission for Liturgy of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – has issued an “Invitation to Artists”.

The document appeals to artists to take inspiration from God to “offer us the possibility of entering more deeply into the meaning and purpose of all that exists”.

“Yes, art and artists can make a difference!

“The transformations wrought by artists begin with the material world. Clay becomes a ceramic. Stone becomes a sculpture. Pigment becomes a painting. Sound becomes a song.

“But the artist does more than engage with the material

world. Your work changes our perspective, our way of seeing the world.”

The statement concludes: “We encourage parishes and support them in taking every opportunity to receive good works of religious and sacred art so that, having left your studio, they may inspire us in the Christian life.”

Bishops’ delegate to the council, Bishop of Toowoomba Ken Howell, encouraged parishes to engage more closely with artists and architects, and for artists to read and reflect on the invitation.

“Art is at its best when it is prophetic and brings inspiration,” Bishop Howell said.

“We should be harnessing the gifts and insights of our artists in our worshipping communities, to better lead people to praise and worship God.”

Canberra iconographer Sue Orchison said artists who are welcomed into the life of a parish can contribute to the beauty of the liturgy and liturgical space by use of their unique and rich gifts.

“In many ways, art can play a part in helping to break open the Word as each artist brings colour and beauty to the visual encounter,” she said.

“Works of art provoke conversation, and provide a space for meditation, a place to stop and ponder, to ask a question or just to sit and soak in the peace.

“Art draws us beyond words, beyond ourselves to hope and dream. It touches the part of us that yearns to understand the mystery of life.”

She said she delighted in working with parishes “to express a glimpse of the love of God”.

“As an iconographer, when working on a piece of art I spend much time researching the subject.

“This opens the path for me to delve into the lives of saints, for example. I get to know them and be inspired by lives that are expressions of their love of God.”

The Invitation to Artists can be found at the Australian Catholic Liturgical Art website [An Invitation To Artists – Australian Catholic Liturgical Art](#)

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>

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 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.

To access the resource, go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/7345/0007121-dio-2024-lenten-program-web-v2.pdf>

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.

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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	M Lawrence S Matthew	J Vipan L McRae
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France J Hutchins	K Lendon J Shamley
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Melvey A Walker G Walker	H White D Whitten S Matthew
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Foo J Lawandos	M Melvey V Paulo
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan D Peterson	M Foo T Alexander
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon H White	Cameron Family A Walker G Walker
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX B Hutcheson	M Shamley C Lawandos K Lendon



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (OM) - 17TH FEB
 SAINT PETER DAMIAN (OM) - 21ST FEB
 THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER (F) - 22ND FEB
 SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK (OM) - 27TH FEB
 SAINT PETER DAMIAN (OM) - 21ST FEB
 THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER (F) - 22ND FEB
 SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK (OM) - 27TH FEB
 SAINT CASIMIR (OM) - 4TH MAR
 SHROVE TUESDAY— 4TH MAR

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

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 15th February 5pm
 Family Mass—Morisset
 Sunday 16th February 9.30am
 Mass—Morisset
 Friday 21st February 10.30am
 Mass—Morisset
 Saturday 22nd February 5pm
 Mass—Cooranbong
 Sunday 23rd February 9.30am
 Mass—Morisset
 Friday 28th February 10.30am
 Mass—Morisset
 Saturday 1st March 5pm
 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday 16 Feb 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

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you plead for us at the right hand of the Father: 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.

God our Father
you gather us together
to hear your holy Word.
Help us to listen with open hearts
so that we will obey your will.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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: They are blessed who put their trust in the Lord. Let us turn to God, our hope and our delight.

Reader: That the Church will continue to work for the poor and the oppressed.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will work for justice and peace.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who endure hardship and suffering will be consoled.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations and corporations will work diligently towards mitigating damage to the planet and supporting poorer nations who are hardest hit by the effects of climate change.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are nearing the end of this earthly pilgrimage will be ready to meet their reward in heaven.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will serve the needs of our brothers and sisters with love.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, your mercy knows no bounds to all who put their trust in you. Hear our prayer and guide us in our work for the coming of your reign. 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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