



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2022**

***Today's Gospel presents us with Jesus' teaching on prayer, and it is directly related to our call to mission.***

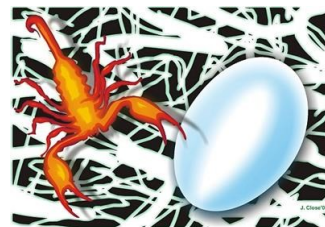
***The words Jesus gives to pray, known as The Lord's Prayer, have been handed down through many generations, as the most beloved prayer in the Christian tradition.***

***We are not living in the golden era of Christianity. There never has been a golden era—each time has its own challenges.***

***True Christians today are known by the quality of their witness.***

***Australia is a very lucky country. But we still have a lot of work to do in terms of creating a more just, inclusive and compassionate society for everyone.***

***This creates a challenge for Christians. It means that we are no longer respected simply by our membership in the biggest institution. We are challenged to show our worth by our action and God's call to live our discipleship as a matter of fact.***



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
SACRAMENTAL PRIEST:	Fr John Purnell
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Rosanna Suckling

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(Due to COVID we ask that you make an appointment to come to the office)  
Morisset Parish Office email: [morparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:morparish@mn.catholic.org.au)  
Morisset Parish Web site: [www.vianneymorisset.org](http://www.vianneymorisset.org)  
Morisset Parish Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/stjvparish>  
Morisset Parish Instagram : [https://www.instagram.com/stjvparish\\_morisset/](https://www.instagram.com/stjvparish_morisset/)  
Morisset Parish Bulletin Items: [morparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:morparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	23rd July 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	24th July 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	26th July 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Saturday	30th July 5pm Liturgy— Cooranbong
Sunday	31st July 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Tuesday	2nd August 9.30am Mass— Morisset

**TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

**WE ENCOURAGE**

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

We still have a pre-book option available for our services but it is NOT compulsory. Please arrive 15mins early if you book and notify us of any cancellations. To pre-book use the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or the Eventbrite App or Eventbrite Website <http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or call the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm .

## **SUNDAY 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- 24 JULY, 2022**

### **"Teach us to Pray"**

Today's readings give an interesting insight to "Prayer". In Genesis, Abraham practiced his collective bargaining with God, bit by bit knocking him down to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. His premise was that if one bad apple can spoil the barrel, then, in this story, Abraham asks God if a minority of good people can save the rest. Would God spare them if there were 50 good people there..... or 40...or even just 10?

Jesus' approach was different. He structured his prayer in 5 phases, and almost all our prayers today follow that pattern.

First he named God.. Not as the name we are not to speak, but, simply as **"Father"**, or **"Abba"**- not a usual way in that time.

- Although he calls God "Father" he then reminds us just who the Father is- he is not just a buddy. In the **"Hallowed be Thy name"**, we are reminded never to forget God's grandeur- this is the creator of the universe, the eternal source of life. Yet this same hallowed One invites us to call him "Father".
- Then we continue with "your kingdom come", it summarises the goal of Christian life. When we pray this with fervor and integrity we are pledging ourselves to the cause of Christ. We situate ourselves in the presence of God as people intimately loved by the Almighty and fully committed to God's cause.
- Then we acknowledge our dependence on God and our need for grace. **"Give us this day our daily bread"**.. is a way of saying our daily needs to survive, we also need the bread of the morrow, the life-giving bread blessed and broken in community. **"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"** ...This is double edged, if we ask for God's forgiveness, re recognise that it also means we must repay: I cannot hope for forgiveness if I withhold it.
- **"And do not put us to the test"**- This last petition to not be put to the final test finds an echo on the Mount of Olives when Jesus asks to be spared the cup. As he taught his disciples to pray, so in his moment of testing, Jesus asked for it to pass, but he summed up his life's work by saying, "Not my will but yours be done".

This whole prayer summarises Jesus' relationship with God. By giving it to us, he invites us into that same relationship.

I don't know about you, but I feel that when I pray this, I need to have my seat belt done up. If we pray this properly, our lives will never be the same. A scary thought. Uta

## **ANNUAL HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATION**

Join Christians for Peace and the Hunter Peace Group on Saturday 6 August for their annual Hiroshima Day Commemoration. From 11am at Peace Park (Maitland Road, Tighes Hill) there will be a service and BBQ picnic. Former Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon and Father Rod Bower from the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle will be the guest speakers. For more information contact the Hunter Peace Group at [hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com](mailto:hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com) or phone 0476 884 200 or reach out to Christians for Peace at [doug.isabel35@gmail.com](mailto:doug.isabel35@gmail.com) or phone 0431 935 097.

## **APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to give participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help people explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

### **JOIN US!**

You are invited to celebrate the launch of our Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to be held on: Thursday 18 August between 10.00am to 12.00pm, followed by lunch at St Joseph's Catholic Parish, 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto. The launch of our first Diocesan Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan will be an opportunity to recognise our part in the reconciliation journey. As we gather, our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan will lead us on a path to progress our mutual trust and develop an understanding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Diocese.

The RAP encourages us to empower and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have a voice that is heard, and to use their gifts, spirituality and culture.

Thank you, Teresa Brierley Director Pastoral Ministries

Register at: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU->

## **PASTORAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE**

Pastoral Ministries is seeking to employ people in the following roles to engage with and to serve the wider diocesan community in growing mutually supportive relationships for the sake of community and mission.

Closing date for applications is 28 July 2022.

Officer Identity and Community: <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/304>

Officer Worship and Prayer: <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/305>

Pastoral Ministries Youth Minister: <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/300>

Administration Assistant – Community and Mission: <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/187>

Calvary Retirement Community Cessnock is seeking a suitable person for the following role:

Pastoral Care Worker: <https://careers.calvarycare.org.au/jobs/pastoral-care-worker-cessnock-nsw-australia>

## **CLAIMING HOPE: CREATIVE HEALING RETREAT**

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House from 12 to 14 August for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.

Enquiries: [mgl sisters.sydneym@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydneym@gmail.com)

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BWMJN](http://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN)



**"In old age  
they will still  
bear fruit"**

(Ps 92:15)

[www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va)



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022



### **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on 24 July this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis' message at [www.catholic.org.au/grandparents](http://www.catholic.org.au/grandparents)

### **REDISCOVERING JOY- FINDING WONDER AND JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD.**

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world. **Date:** 15 August 2022 **Time:** 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am) **Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley **Cost:** \$30 **To register go to:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467)

### **AUGUST RETREATS AT ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK**

There are a number of retreats being hosted at St Mary's Towers in Douglas Park during August. They are as follows:

- 3-11 Aug \$1240 or Weekend 5-7 Aug \$310: In the Heart of Creation with Jesus: Retreat Team
- 13-22 Aug \$1395 Life's Healing Journey or Private Weekend 19-21 Aug \$310: Retreat Team
- 24 Aug – 1 Sep \$1240 or Private Weekend 26-28 Aug \$310: Retreat Team

For more information or a flyer contact [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) or 02 4630 0233. An application form can be found here: [www.towersretreat.org.au/1-retreat-application-form/file](http://www.towersretreat.org.au/1-retreat-application-form/file)

### **AURORA**

Copies of the June Edition of the Aurora are at the back of the Church.

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA: CELEBRATING A RETURN TO GLOBAL MISSION**

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. COVID challenged our ability to travel and reach beyond, but now is a time we can consider [Mission opportunities](#) abroad again. If you decide to respond to the call and share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunities, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and [Register](#) for a Webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

### **PRAYING THE GOSPELS**

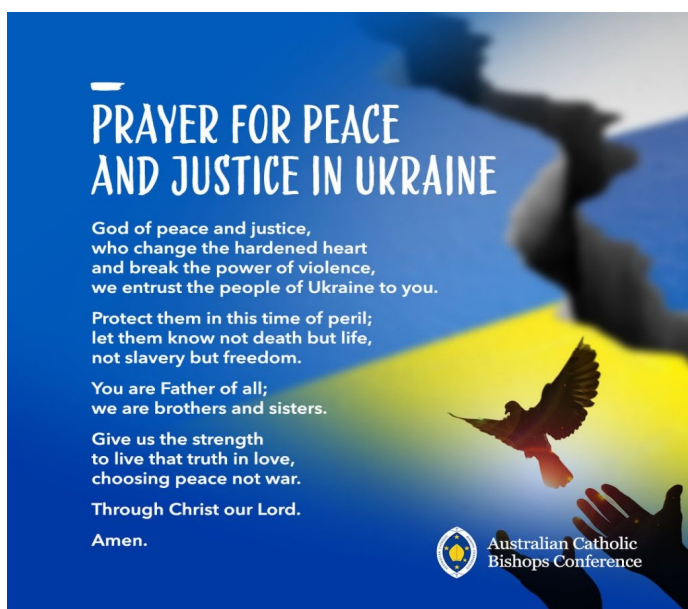
You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033> Password: pray For more information contact: [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **MYSTAGOGY MONDAY**

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation. Join us each Monday morning at 10am as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel. Register: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637)

### **DISCOVER THE DIOCESE'S NEW APP!**

Mass times, news and events, and parish giving are now just a tap away. Download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install. To learn more about the app, visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app)





### **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 or the Diocese App.

### **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.

<u><b>WEEKEND ROSTERS</b></u>			
		<u><b>THIS WEEK</b></u>	<u><b>NEXT WEEK</b></u>
<u><b>Presiders</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	J France U France
<u><b>PROCLAIMERS:</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	L Hutchinson J France	U France M Melvey
<u><b>PSALMIST:</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	G Hutchinson J Shamley	P Robertson P Melvey
<u><b>GIFTS</b></u>	5PM  9.30AM	P Melvey M Melvey J Vipan K London	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX
<u><b>SERVERS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France M Melvey	XXXX XXXX
<u><b>AV</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	F Dunn U France	J Vipan D Joyce
<u><b>SOUND / VIDEO</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France J France	G Hutchinson J France
<u><b>WELCOMERS</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
<u><b>COVID TEAM</b></u>	5PM  9.30AM	H White P Melvey R Hay J France	P Robertson L Hutchinson P Herbert K London
<u><b>COVID CLEAN- ING</b></u>	5PM 9.30AM	All available Covid team members	All available Covid team members
<u><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b></u>	COOR MOR	K Dunn B Hutcheson P Robertson	A Dussin P Herbert T Alexander

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

SAINT JAMES— 25TH JULY  
SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE— 26TH JULY  
SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS— 29TH JULY  
SAINT ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI— 1ST AUGUST  
SAINT DOMINIC— 3RD AUGUST  
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY— 4TH AUGUST  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD— 6TH AUGUST  
SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP) - 8TH AUGUST  
SAINT LAWRENCE—10TH AUGUST  
SAINT CLARE— 11TH AUGUST

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

Harry Goldman, Yvonne Beecroft, Bernadette Martin, Sue Alexander, 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 <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>**



*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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)), or visit their website for further information ([www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)).*