



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 23 APRIL 2023

Today's Gospel takes us on the road to Emmaus, where Cleopas and his friend were slow to recognize Jesus in their midst. They walked and talked the whole day with Jesus. It was not until that night that they discovered him at the breaking of the bread.

We are the Church of the Second Chance. This second chance is evident even in the first years of the church. Peter denied Jesus. Thomas didn't believe. Paul was temporarily blinded, before he could see clearly.

Like on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is there for us if we can just open our minds. A mind, like a parachute, only works when it's open.

The disciples were transformed into positive people and agents for change, not because their circumstances changed but because they began to appreciate the Christian way of life.

Life is fully and fruitfully lived when it can make a difference to others, that it can transform society, and make it into a mirror of God's Kingdom.



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.

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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

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	22nd April 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	23rd April 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	25th April 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Saturday	29th April 5pm Mass— Cooranbong
Sunday	30th April 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	2nd May 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset
Saturday	6th May 5pm Family Mass— Morisset
Sunday	7th May 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	9th May 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Saturday	13th May 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	14th May 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	16th May 9.30am Liturgy— Morisset

**ANZAC DAY MASS AT 9.30am on
TUESDAY 25th April at Morisset**

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REFLECTION FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23 APRIL, 2023

A quote from the American Farmer's Almanac said

"A mind, like a parachute, only works when its open."

The disciples travelling on the road to Emmaus, were bogged down with grief and fear!

One commentator described the story as a play with three acts:

Two sad disciples trudging down the road, talking about what they had witnessed.

They meet a stranger who gives them hope.

They recognise him and race back home to tell everyone.

They begin locked into themselves, like a closed parachute, rehashing what they had seen and heard, their fears and disappointment. Then they meet the "stranger" and as he speaks to them, slowly their minds are opened. They begin to see what they had missed. Possibilities begin to emerge and their hearts, which were like stone in their chests with grief, began to burn again with hope and life.

Being rather thick skulled, it wasn't until Jesus broke the bread that they "Got" it.

Then they were transformed from downtrodden and fearful men to enthusiastic disciples who almost ran back to the Jerusalem they had feared before.

This story is so positive! Jesus knew that they didn't get it! Jesus knows that we don't get it!

Yet through it all, he is patient, caring and teaching us. We always have a second, third and fourth chance. As long as we remain open and allow his word to come into us and transform us.

Each time we come to Mass and hear God's Word and receive the body of Christ at the table of the altar, we are inviting transformation. Just like the disciples, we come as we are, enthusiastic, bogged down, worried, sad, we bring ourselves to God trusting in his Word and Body to get us through the next week, and hopefully show us how to live with his vision. Each time we come, we hopefully get a bit better at being open, and receptive of his grace and love.

I believe that our God is one of "Second Chances". Like Clopas and Thomas, Peter and Paul, who just did not get it one way or another, we are called to our second chance at each Liturgy.

Our Liturgy begins with an admission of our sinfulness. Before we receive holy Communion, we confess that we are not worthy. But we dare to go ahead, claiming another chance.

May this Easter be a transforming experience for us, letting us accept our own second chance of life in the love of Jesus and each other. Uta France

ANZAC DAY

Next Tuesday 25th April, we commemorate Anzac Day. We pay grateful respects to those who sacrificed their own lives for others, for our country, and ultimately for the sake of a better world. We remember the pain of those who grieved their deaths and whose lives were changed forever by their wounding. Anzac Day is not a celebration of the heroics of war. We cannot remain indifferent to the effects of war such as innocent deaths, injuries, and refugees dislocated from their homeland. So we pray.-Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces, and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.



We will be having an ANZAC Day Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 25th April in our Morisset Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday. Items of interest raised were:

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Committee, propose to audit parishes in September. The audit will be investigating parishes for compliance with church and state legislation. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards comprise 10 Standards, providing the framework for Catholic Church entities to build child-safe cultures and to advance the safety of children and vulnerable adults across the Catholic Church in Australia. The first phase of implementation of the Standards focuses on safeguarding practices for the protection of children, considering the guidance of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Another item for discussion was the request by some parishioners for the reintroduction of monthly 'cuppas. If this is to recommence, assistance would be required. If you are willing to help, contact a member of the PPC.

WHAT ARE EASTER DUES?

Recently we were asked what are 'Easter Dues'? The 1st Collection every Sunday supports the Bishop, Clergy, Retired Clergy, the Clergy on sick Leave or who are chronically ill. The **Easter Dues** make up the shortfall that occurs, to meet the Clergy Fund budget. They are an opportunity for us to meet our commitments as a Parish Community, and support the less financial parishes, in particular the country parishes. Your generous contribution to these collections is greatly appreciated.

PROJECT COMPASSION.

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting the Project Compassion 2023 appeal. When you return your donation, please place it in the basket at the front of the Church near the pulpit.

THANKYOU

"Liz Jay and family wish to thank our community for all the prayers and support given to us during Robert's recent illness. Bless you all." Thank you for everything, Liz.

ST JOHN VIANNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MORISSET

Our Parish School is having a School Tour and Kindy 2024 Information Night on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 starting at 6.30pm. For more information contact the school on 02 4973 4073.

LAUDATO SI WEEK

In Australia, we will celebrate Laudato Si' Week between May 16 and May 24. The theme for 2023 is Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2023

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We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

THE CHOSEN EXPERIENCE – SEASON 2

We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine as we view the second season about the life of Christ. *The Chosen* is a series which brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode.

The Chosen Experience commences on 27 April at 6pm in the Murray Room.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-tickets-595299666327>

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (ARRCC) WORKSHOPS

There's nothing quite like a personal conversation with your Member of Parliament. It's direct and it maximises the power of your message. Yet how do you go about it?

The ARRCC would love to have as many meetings as possible with MPs of all stripes. So, they're providing training in just that. So, if you've ever wondered how to hold a meeting with an MP, one of the following workshops could be of interest to you.

MP meeting training workshops

Monday 24 April NSW / ACT / VIC / TAS / QLD - 7.30pm to 8.45pm [RSVP for the Zoom link here](#)

Wednesday 26 April NSW / ACT / VIC / TAS / QLD - 12.30pm to 1.45pm [RSVP for the Zoom link here](#)

FIRESIDE CHAT CHRISTIAN INITIATION FORMATION DAY

All Christian Initiation Ministers, ministering with adults via the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and with children and their families via Sacraments of Initiation for Children, and all parishioners with an interest in the ministry of Christian Initiation, are invited to the Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum's formation day. Fireside Chat

It was so renewing to 'rest a while' at our reflection day last spring. The second of our yearly get-togethers is coming soon. This day will be focused on formation that seeks to support you in the ministry of Christian Initiation.

Join us to learn, discern and grow relationships with other ministers from other communities.

Further information about the topics for discussion will come out closer to the date. Be brave and register your interest now.

When: Saturday 17th June 2023 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Where: MacKillop' Parish Hall, Milson St, Charlestown

Catering Morning tea & Lunch provided. RSVP

by Monday 5 June to fiona.duque1@mn.catholic.org.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of Caritas Australia's Newsletter has been published. You can read it here: https://www.caritas.org.au/media/m2ymmbmz/caritasnews_autumn-2023_digital_v3.pdf



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back this week or next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

SACRED@SEVEN

Join the Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People for Sacred@Seven on Wednesday 19 April.

Fr. Peter Street, Parish Priest of Forster-Tuncurry, will preside over the event as we explore the hidden treasures of spending time together with each other and with the Lord. Join us afterwards for a light supper and conversation.

When: 19 April **Where:** Sacred Heart Cathedral (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West) **Time:** 7pm

Enquiries or RSVP: eliza.beletich@mn.catholic.org.au

PAINT AND PRAY WITH MARY THIS MAY – 27 MAY – MACKILLOP CENTRE, CHARLESTOWN

Join us this May as we honour and pray with Mary through the practice of painting and reflection. Participants will be guided step by step to create their own Marian icon and invited into contemplation and prayer through this process. You will need to bring an apron, BYO snacks and drinks for the afternoon.

Cost: \$35 for materials -participants will take home their own framed Marian icon.

Spaces are limited, booking is essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/paint-and-pray-may-2023-tickets-595235353967>

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Philosophy, Lumen Gentium, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, Future Technology, and Science and Religion.

Cost \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers seeking accreditation.

To register go to: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

'ANOINTED': MGL SISTERS PENTECOST RETREAT INTENSIVE

Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship, generously sharing the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion, and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville between 24-28 May 2023. More info & register: www.trybooking.com/CFBRF

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, the Diocese App, Bank Account Name: CCF BSB: 062815 No: 00328161 Ref: 5016 1st Collection or set up a direct debit arrangement (contact the parish office for this).

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 deposit directly into the Parish Account our details are: Account Name: CCF 96014 Morisset Parish BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 Ref: 5004 2nd Collection or 5004 PG and your Giver Number or Surname, or you can use the Online Payments 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 on how planned giving works 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 Foo R Hay	J France J Hutchins
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France D Whitten	P Robertson J Vipan
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon P Melvey L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	M Melvey H White M Fowler K Lendon
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	D Peterson T Alexander	U France D Peterson
<u>SOUND / VIDEO</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France J France	L Hutchinson J France
<u>WELCOMERS / USHER</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France P Stewart A Dussin	K Lendon M Melvey P Melvey
<u>COVID CLEAN- ING</u>	5PM 9.30AM	F Dunn H White B Cox K Amon A Dussin R Hay	P Robertson H White J France A Dussin K Tonkin
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	A Dussin K Lendon	K Lendon P Stewart

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an enduring and 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: 02 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

ANZAC DAY—25TH APRIL
SAINT MARK— 26TH APRIL
SAINT PETER CHANEL— 28TH APRIL
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA— 29TH APRIL
SAINT ATHANASIUS— 2ND MAY
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES— 3RD MAY
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD— 21ST MAY
OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS— 24TH MAY
PENTECOST— 28TH MAY

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

Pam Mullaly, Mary Johnson, Barbara Millers, Anna Fitzgerald, Tintumol Thomas, Christopher Maloney, Les Findley, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett.

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

Recently Deceased: Bob Jay, Leslie Fowler

Remembrance: Jason Wismer, Emily Williams, Grace Lyons, Cornelius Lyons, Carmel Brereton



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
Second Sunday of Easter Year A
Sunday 16 Apr 2023

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. Our Parish of St John Vianney Morisset is located on the traditional lands of the Awabakal and Darkinjung people. 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.

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 Christ who has redeemed us and raised us to new life.

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.

United with the whole Church,
we celebrate the joy of Easter
and keep 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
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you open our eyes in faith: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, your Spirit dwells in us: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are exalted at the right hand of God: 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,
we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Inspire your sons and daughters to do your will
so that we may look forward in hope
to your promise of eternal life.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.'

'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

Q. What does it reveal about Jesus that he allowed the disciples to tell the story of their grief?

Q. Why was it necessary for Jesus to refer to Moses and all the prophets in his explanation?

Q. What insight does this event reveal about the nature and significance of Eucharist?

Q. How does this episode reflect the key elements of the Mass?

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: Brothers and sisters, in the presence of the Lord, we bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That the Holy Church will be sustained by God's word through the scriptures.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations and governments will act in the spirit of Christ by bringing justice to all.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who must journey through foreign lands will be given safe passage and hospitality.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who await the outcome of health tests will be comforted and reassured.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the world will know a culture of peace and nonviolence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. [*Pope Francis' prayer intention for April 2023.*]

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who feel the absence of God will be filled with the presence of the risen Christ.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That men and women in the armed forces will be kept safe while serving their country and be supported after their service is finished.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community recognises Christ in the breaking of the Bread.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be sustained by the Bread of Life, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will share in the glory of Christ's Resurrection, especially those who were members of our community and families.

(pause)

In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, the disciples recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. Hear our prayers and help us to always cherish your presence as we gather at the Eucharistic table. 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:

Through the resurrection of his Son
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May the Lord bless us with joy and fill us with fruits of the Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace. Alleluia.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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Field of flowers to support survivors

More than 8,000 ribbon flowers have been planted on the grounds of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hamilton and Christ Church Cathedral in Newcastle, as an extension of the Loud Sky exhibition.

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The exhibition, which runs until 21 May 2023, expresses the stories of survivors through contemporary art. These stories were uncovered through the Royal Commission into institutional response to child sexual abuse in the Hunter region in 2016.

All 8,000 ribbon flowers were handmade by members of the community including secondary students from St Pius X Adamstown and St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton, parishioners and church members, survivors and their families and friends.

Local artist and art historian, Dr Rod Pattenden, who co-curated the exhibition with Dr Kath McPhillips and in collaboration with the Clergy Abused Network (CAN) and the Lock-Up exhibition space, said the flowers are a sign of hope and an expression of grief.

"The ribbons are being planted in a festive, beautiful, artistic, creative way. And I think for all the hundreds of people who made them, they're expressing a range of emotions and just memorializing, remembering, and celebrating people's lives," said Dr Pattenden.

"I hope it's a reconciling action, a place to visit to see beauty and to remember the complexity of this story."

Magda Mycak, Manager of Zimmerman Service, a healing and support service for survivors, coordinated volunteers to make and plant the ribbon flowers.

"The Field of Flowers installation at the Catholic and Anglican cathedrals is significant because it acknowledges what happened and highlights that it is an issue that is not historical, as survivors live with the impact every day," said Ms Mycak.

"I hope this installation helps spread awareness in the community."

If this topic raises any concerns for you, you can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636, DV Connect on 1800 811 811, or Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.



Sod Turning Ceremony marks start of works at new Chisholm Chapel

This morning to mark the commencement of works for the new Chisholm Chapel and the next stage of the Chisholm educational precinct expansion, Bishop Michael Kennedy and CEO Sean Scanlon turned the first sod as part of a ceremony to celebrate the start of construction.

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The Chapel will be located at the heart of the Chisholm education precinct and will be an inclusive and dedicated space for prayer and liturgy. When completed, the Chisholm Chapel will be a circular building with the Stations of the Cross displayed on its undercover exterior, landscaped gardens, a reflection pool and the statues of St Bede, St Aloysius and Mary.

The chapel, which is being constructed in partnership with Richard Crookes Construction has been in planning for some time with the late Bishop Bill Wright helping with aspects of the design, including the circular building, the landscaping and it being open without fences to promote inclusion. Once constructed the chapel will be a dedicated intimate space for prayer and for liturgy at the heart of both St Bede's Catholic College and St Aloysius Primary School.

In addition to the chapel, further works commencing at St Bede's Catholic College include a multi-purpose sports hall, performing arts studio and technological and applied science workshop facilities.