



**St John
Vianney**
Parish Morisset



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 30 JUNE 2024

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus restored life to Lazarus, to the daughter of Jairus, and to a widow's son.

We see that Jesus healed sick people by touching them. He touched people in various ways: with his words, with his hands, with his love.

Our lives also are continually touching those of other people. With a little sympathy we could heal a wounded heart. With a little care we could ease a troubled mind. With a little of our time we could ease the pain of loneliness of someone.

Today we pray, where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.



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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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Saturday	29th June 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	30th June 9.30am Mass Morisset
Tuesday	2nd July 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	5th July 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	6th July 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	7th July 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	13th July 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	14th July 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	20th July 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	21st July 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	23rd July 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	26th July 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	27th July 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	28th July 9.30am Mass—Morisset

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B — Reflection 30th June 2024

Our Gospel story today describes TWO separate miracles, performed by Jesus amongst the large crowd, gathered by the lakeside. On request, He raised to life the young daughter of a Synagogue Official, then, unexpectedly, restored health & wholeness to a woman who had suffered from a medical condition for twelve years. As a result of this she had been declared unclean by society & was barred from worshipping in the Synagogue. Desperate, but showing great faith & determination she approached Jesus, touched his cloak & was healed immediately.

In both these cases the people concerned were not frozen into immobility— indeed they were “hoping against hope” as they approached Jesus, trusting that this Prophet of God could perform miracles for them. Jesus tells them to take courage & have faith. He heals the woman & raises the dead girl to life.

Our 1st Reading, from the book of Wisdom, which according to general agreement, emerged from the scholarly Jewish community in the great Egyptian city of Alexandria, probably not long before the birth of Jesus or even during his lifetime.

It is a masterly blend of Jewish tradition & Greek philosophical thought which consequently provided the Jews with an impressive resource that gave respectability to their faith.

However, any ideas of Jewish belief in life after death were late in coming —here, they are expressed only briefly & in a way that raises as many questions as it answers! The origin of death is attributed to underworld powers, Hades & the devil, NOT God,— but clearly stated is the fact that of all the living things God created, humankind was made in God’s image.

The beautiful Psalm is used on a number of Sundays, including the Easter Vigil & expresses a song of praise & thanksgiving for deliverance!

In the context of today’s readings, we can see that it is foreshadowing the belief in immortality found in the 1st Reading & we might imagine it as the prayer of the young girl & her parents after she was raised from death by Jesus —as well as the woman healed from her bleeding.

The Gospel story contains similarities & differences - Jairus is a respected public Official, so presumably well-off, whereas the woman is unnamed & now impoverished with no money to pay for further treatment

Jairus approaches Jesus publicly, the woman secretly
Jairus’ faith appears strong, the woman’s perhaps a little magical, but brave & sincere!

Both of them have their faith doubly tested

We are well aware that the crowds who followed Jesus persistently desired to be healed from all kinds of afflictions & these stories highlight the important role that FAITH played in the miracles performed by Jesus.

Faith isn’t magic — It’s a choice to trust God, even when we are confused or sad. It urges us to cling to hope & move on, even if we are not sure what lies ahead.

To be ministers & followers of Jesus requires a sincere transformation of our own hurts, wounds & sufferings that often hinder us from reaching out to others. Through our EYES God wants to smile at people today- with our HANDS He wants to bind their wounds - with our FEET He wants to go after His lost children - with our VOICES He wants to comfort the sorrowing, teach the ignorant. In our LIVES He wants to give new proof of His boundless love for all mankind.

Jesus noticed all the commotion & the weeping- how often do we open our hearts to those who are bewildered or weeping ? We need to ask God to give us a strong heart, one that is ready to love people—all people, as He does.

The great Greek Philosopher, Aristotle, said “We are what we repeatedly do”.

St Mary McKillop said in 1889, “Find happiness in making others happy”. Heather White

What is Faith?

Last Sunday during his Homily relating to the ‘storms of life’ at the 9.30am Mass, Fr Darryl suggested that it is right to say, ‘where are you, Lord?’ The image of the of the boat facing the storms became the image of the church, and the storms it had to face 2,000 years later.

Fr Darryl concluded his homily with a quote from Rick Warren on what Faith is.

Several parishioners asked Fr Darryl for a copy of the quote, and he promised to have it printed in the Bulletin this week. Here it is!

Faith doesn’t always take you out of the problem,

Faith takes you through the problem.

Faith doesn’t always take away the pain.

Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain.

Faith doesn’t always take you out of the storm.

Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.

Rick Warren

Welcome

Baptism is a happy event and a time to ponder God’s loving gifts in our lives This Sunday we welcome Heath and Holly, who are being presented for Baptism by their parents Jack and Rebecca.

Appointment of Principal

Interviews were held recently for the position of Principal at St Joseph’s Primary School Denman. As a result of these interviews, Fr Greg Barker in the absence of Bishop Michael Kennedy and Steve Lemos have accepted the panel recommendation for the appointment of Michelle Lovegrove as the Principal commencing Term 1 January 2025. Michelle’s qualifications include:

Master of Educational Leadership - Australian Catholic University.

Professional Certificate in Education (Positive Education) - University of Melbourne.

Graduate Certificate in Religious Education-Australian Catholic University.

Bachelor of General Studies/Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) - University of New England.

Michelle is an active member of the St James’ Church Muswellbrook where she is a participant in the sacrament of Eucharist.

In her school Parish, St Bernard of Clairvaux, Denman Michelle supports the working partnership with the parish as well as being a member of the Sacramental Team. Michelle is a passionate advocate of Social Justice and is always modelling and encouraging others to be of service in the local, national, and global communities.

Michelle comes highly recommended by her Parish Priest Fr Victor Babu Doss.

Question Box

Recently it was brought to the attention of the PPC, that often parishioners have matters of faith questions, and are not sure where to go with them for answers.

In an effort to help people with their questions, please place your question in the stainless steel mailbox outside the parish secretaries office, in the Callinan Centre, and the questions will be answered.

Points to Ponder

Traditions have always been an important dimension of celebrating faith. Each age is a time of special grace, including our age of high technology.

Did You Know?

The Church Year consists of six liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after the Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost

When is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time is divided into two parts. The first part begins after the Christmas liturgical season and continues until Lent starts. The second part begins on the Monday after Pentecost and ends on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

Why is it called Ordinary Time?

The word ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin *ordo* which means *order*, as in following a particular sequence. In this instance it is numerical (Second Sunday, Third Sunday...) and they take us through the life of Christ.

Where does the term Ordinary come from historically?

Before the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council (this happened from 11 October 1962 to 8 December 1965), these periods of Ordinary Time were referred to as "the season after Epiphany" and "the season after Pentecost." In 1969, when the liturgical calendar was revised, the Latin name for this season was "Tempus per Annum" or in English, "Time during the Year."

What colour is Ordinary Time?

Green is the colour given for Ordinary Time. There are many perspectives around the colour green, and it depends on which theologian you read. We often associate green with new life, growth and hope. If we think about Ordinary Time as a time to nurture our faith by liturgical life of the Church through the Table of the Word at Sunday Mass, then we will find ourselves grounded, watered and in green pastures.

With A Light Heart.

Susie's husband, George, had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, prompting frequent visits by their parish priest. Things were looking grim, but she was next to her husband's bedside every single day without exception.

One day as George slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come nearer. She pulled the chair close to the bed and put her ear close so she could hear him.

"You know," George whispered, his eyes filling with tears. "You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck by me. When my business went under, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you were there. My health started failing, and low and behold you were there by my side. And you know what Susie?"

"What dear," she asked, gently stroking his hand.

"I've decided your bad luck."

Parish Pastoral Council News

Morisset Parish Pastoral Assembly was held after Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christie 2nd June in the Callinan Centre. The aim of the Assembly was to discern the direction and path the parish now needs to take moving forward in 2024

Approx 40 parishioners attended the Assembly, along with Fr Greg Barker VG, Fr Matthew Muller VG and Canonical Advisor, Fr Joseph Figurado Priest Supervisor, and Fr Daryl Mackie Assistant Priest of West Lake Macquarie.

The PPC met during the week to discuss the outcomes from the Assembly, and what they mean for the parish moving forward from the Assembly.

To help the PPC develop a succession plan and a parish vision for the future, the PPC is proposing that a questionnaire, can-

vassing the opinions of parishioners, be conducted at Mass in the coming weeks. This questionnaire will seek to find out the model of Parish parishioners would prefer, and how they could contribute with the implementing of their preferred model and ministry.

Whatever is the preferred model of parish, it will only work if people are prepared to contribute their stewardship.

Growth Formation Retreat – 23 – 25 August 2024

Jesus, Light of the World Communities will be hosting a retreat in August. Over two nights and three days from 23 to 25 August, the retreat will include a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, workshops, discussions and an hour of empowerment. It's being hosted at the Collaroy Centre, accommodation is available from \$360 per twin share or \$450 for single. Call Helen on 0433 455 114 for more information or to book.

Free webinar

NCLS Research is offering a free webinar on Thursday 27 June presented by Dr Ruth Powell, Director of NCLS Research to hear the latest findings on innovation in church life. Delve into the latest research on local churches' readiness to innovate and provide a 2024 snapshot of church planting activities based on the New Churches research project. This session will also feature insightful stories from guest practitioners who will share their first-hand experiences and valuable learnings.

Date: Thursday 27 June 2024 Time: 11am

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/planting-the-future-innovation-in-church-life?c=rc>

You will discover:

- Latest national research on local church readiness to innovate
- 2024 snapshot of church planting activities
- Stories from guest practitioners as they share insights and learnings
- Interest for parishes

NAIDOC Week Community Event – Monday 8 July, 9am to 3pm

During NAIDOC Week (7 – 14 July) the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning will be participating in a community event in Newcastle.

Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, the event starts at Civic Park, with a flag raising at 9 am before a united procession to Foreshore Park. The Diocese and CatholicCare are sponsors of this event and will provide information and activities in a marquee, along with other community groups, to engage with and share the wealth of programs and offerings of the diocese with the local community.

Baptism Preparation Program

Baptism is a happy event and a time to ponder God's loving gifts in our lives. For those seeking baptism for their children our baptism preparation programs will usually run in the evenings on the second Tuesday of the Month starting at 7pm, bookings are essential. Our next Program will be held on **Tuesday 9th July 2024**. Bookings can be made online at the link at: <https://forms.office.com/r/wZtatkt01V> or by contacting our Parish Office.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for June 2024

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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 Donation or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App. If you are considering taking up **planned giving** you may like to know that **a percentage of the contributions are tax deductible**. If you would like to know more or set up planned giving please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>PRESIDERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	D Peterson H White	R Hay H White
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France U France	H White J France
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon H White M Melvey P Melvey	K Lendon L McRae P Melvey
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	M Melvey F Dyson R Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	U France J Vipan	J Vipan E Lawandos
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Cameron Family J France	P Melvey C Lawandos
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	TBA A Walker G Walker	XXXX B Hutcheson D Whitten

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 adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding by Phone: 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 SOLEMINITIES

- SAINT THOMAS (F) - 3RD JULY
- SAINT BENEDICT (M) - 11TH JULY
- SAINT BONAVENTURE (M) - 15TH JULY
- SAINT MARY MAGDALENE (F) - 22ND JULY
- SAINT JAMES (F) - 25TH JULY
- SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE (M) - 26TH JULY
- SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS (M) - 29TH JULY
- SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (M) - 31ST JULY
- SAINT ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI (M) - 1ST AUGUST
- SAINT DOMINIC (M) - 3RD AUGUST
- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (F) - 6TH AUGUST

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

Anna Dussin, Mary Carapiet, Monica Gray, Koby Smith, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, 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.

Remembrance: Bruce White, Abel Fren, BJ Peterson, Larry Peterson.



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.

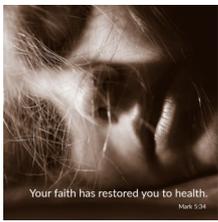
An Act of Spiritual Communion

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
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
Sunday 30 Jun 2024

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, live and learn. Especially the Awabakal and Darkinjung nations who are the traditional owners of the land our Parish encompasses. 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, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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 who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you come to heal and bring us strength: Lord, have
mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the joy of all who believe: Christ, have
mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring peace, not fear: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

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

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Almighty God

your son Jesus put his trust in you
and called us to follow in his name.

Help us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus
and in his name,

show kindness to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all;

the world's created things have health in them,

in them no fatal poison can be found,

and Hades holds no power on earth;

for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable,

he made him in the image of his own nature;

it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,

as those who are his partners will discover.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

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 **Mark**

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint.

Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and,

taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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.

Q. What is the common link between the two miracles in this gospel passage?

Q. What do you imagine life would have been like for the woman with the haemorrhage?

Q. What image of the disciples is presented in this passage?

Q. What do we learn about the importance of faith?

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: Dear friends, with faith in Christ, we make our prayers to the Lord.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, will be an inspiration for the Church in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those approaching the end of their earthly life may not be afraid. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That parents who have lost a child may be consoled in the mercy of Christ. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will place its faith in the Lord and trust in Christ's healing power. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick will be rescued from their suffering. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will be rewarded with eternal life. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, we are brought to life through the Gospel. Hear our prayers and help us to embrace our faith and proclaim the Good News of your Son in all we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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 connection between sport and faith in Australia has been more visible in recent times, with elite athletes seen praying on the field and others speaking openly about their faith," the document says.

"At the local level, many parents and guardians are generously giving their time and talents to volunteer at sporting clubs, and in doing so, are actively living out their faith and witnessing to the Gospel.

"Further, those who play sport can bear witness to their faith by exemplifying values such as fair play, teamwork, respect for others and sacrifice."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, said both the sporting field and Catholic parishes are "places of encounter".

"They offer a space to teach and accompany people – young and old - in their relationship with Jesus," he said.

National Centre for Evangelisation director Malcolm Hart said a range of resources were being developed to assist parishes in using sport to reach out to their communities.

"With so many involved in sport around the country, there is a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to contribute to this renewal by exemplifying the virtues sport can foster, and in doing so, witnessing to the Gospel and opening the way to Christ," he said.

"We encourage individuals, families, parishes, and dioceses to prayerfully consider how they can best engage in this vibrant mission field."

Visit the website at nca.catholic.org.au/sport and find the full document here.



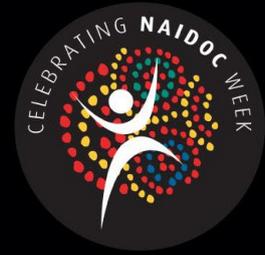
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ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Coinciding with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, all are welcome to attend this year's NAIDOC WEEK 2024 Ecumenical Prayer Service.

The theme this year is "Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, Loud and Proud!" Celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations people.

Venue: Christ Church Anglican Cathedral grounds, 52 Church St NEWCASTLE

Time: 1:45pm for 2pm service

Date: Sunday 7 July 2024

*Optional Cathedral tower climb after the service,
weather permitting, limited numbers.*

RSVP please via QR code by Wednesday 3 July

