



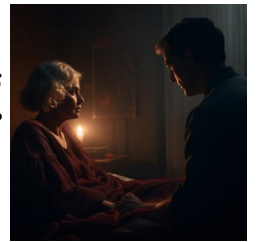
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 04 FEBRUARY 2024

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus curing the mother-in-law of Peter, and many others who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another. That is what Jesus was about in his ministry.

That is what we, too, are called to be doing. Hearing, and living the Gospel are ultimately about life, love and healing. There are as many ways to do this as there are committed Christians.

Bringing healing and wholeness is Jesus' ministry even today, he continues it in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

We all need the healing of our minds, our memories and our broken relationships. Let us look at today's Gospel and identify with the mother-in-law of Peter. Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives.



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	3rd February 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	4th February 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	6th February 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Saturday	10th February 5pm Mass - Coorانبong
Sunday	11th February 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	13th February 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Wednesday	14th February 12pm Mass—Morisset
Saturday	18th February 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	19th February 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	21st February 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Saturday	25th February 5pm Mass—Coorانبong
Sunday	26th February 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	28th February 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset

Reflection for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B — 4th February 2024

I sat down with these readings and I became gloomy. The downfall of Job, illness, demons etc, did not really sound like "Good News".

Then I thought of our world now- coming out of COVID, the wars, the strife and the economy. Is it any different? We can go one of two ways- we can do the "this is so bad, woe is me, I can't do anything". OR we can roll up our sleeves and do what we can where we are.

In Mark's Gospel he describes Galilee as a place where the demons were overpowering the people and those who were not possessed needed healing of one kind or another. What could one man do?

He began with one woman. She isn't named, perhaps she should be- Peter's mother-in-law. In Mark's Gospel, the Greek translation- she was called "Diakoneo" one who serves, ministers or waits on. Coming into Peter's house for the first time, on a Sabbath, they find the lady ill. Without a second thought, Jesus took her hand and raised her, healed her and saw her. She responded by then getting up, and serving her household wholeheartedly.

Mary McGlone, put forward a radical thought which got me thinking, Jesus was not a "Super Hero" who flew around in a cape righting wrongs! Jesus was change in himself by calling disciples, either by calling them directly or, as in the case of Peter's mother-in-law, by restoring her ability to serve God and her neighbours.

The interesting thing Mary says, is that, Mark uses the word Diakoneo twice more in his Gospel and both times he is referring to Jesus. First when the disciples were jockeying for positions Jesus told them that "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve {Diakoneo}.

The second time was at the foot of the cross when he recognised the women who had followed him in Galilee and ministered to him.

When Mark talks about the mother-in-law and says she waited on them, he is praising her more than he did the disciples. He is saying that she accepted the gift of Jesus and became a servant like him.

Isn't this what our world needs? That we accept Jesus' gift to us and to change and become servant to our neighbours and the world.

If I take the step a bit further could I speculate that perhaps Peter's mother-in-law became the first "Deacon"?

[The word Deacon means one who serves.]

Uta

Pints With A Purpose - A Conversation with Bishop Michael Kennedy

Event date/time: Tuesday 13/02/2024 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont St, Hamilton

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-conversation-with-bishop-michael-kennedy-tickets-808693884177?aff=oddtcreator>

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Join us at Pints with a Purpose, featuring Bishop Michael Kennedy as our guest speaker!

Everyone is invited to join together between 5-6:30pm for dinner (not provided).

Come along and enjoy a \$15 schnitzel special or something else delicious off the Sydney Junction Hotels amazing menu!

For those who just wish to join us for a conversation, we will begin at 6:30pm in the Hudson room.



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World Day of Prayer

Our Parish will be hosting the 2024 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer, on Friday 1st March starting at 10am in the Morisset Church. Followed by a morning tea in the Callinan Centre. Every year, the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. This year the focus country is Palestine.

As of 31 July 2019, 138 of the 193 United Nations member states have recognised Palestine as a state with observer status, allowing them to take part in general debates, and the Palestinian flag now flies outside the United Nations.

Palestinians are a scattered population with over 12 million living all over the world. Estimates suggest that just over 5 million Palestinians currently reside in Palestine and Israel. There is a small Christian minority in this predominantly Muslim country, making up about 2% of the Palestinian population.

Two Popes, Wine and Nibbles Social Event

Our parish belongs to the Watagan Deanery which includes the parishes of Shortland, Wallsend, Glendale, Boolaroo, Warners Bay, Booragul and Toronto.

A social movie night with the screening of the Two Popes with Wine and Nibbles has been organised for Parishioners in the Watagan Deanery.

This social event will be held on Fri 9th February at the Warners Bay Parish Hall, 2 Bayview St Warner's Bay @ 6.30 for 7pm. \$10 donation, includes cheese wine and nibbles Contact our Parish Office to book your place.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday officially begins the season of Lent and the Easter Cycle. Ash Wednesday 2024 is 14th February. Mass will be celebrated in the Morisset Church 12 midday.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Caritas Australia: Project Compassion Launch 2024

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle invites you to the launch of the 2024 Project Compassion appeal themed "For All Future Generations".

During the Liturgy, all attendees from across our schools, parishes and agencies are called forward by Parish region to receive their 2024 Project Compassion box and commissioning from Bishop Michael Kennedy.

Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, complimentary pancakes will be served at the Southern Cross Hall. ****Gluten Free pancakes are available; please advise when prompted at registration**.**

Date: Shrove Tuesday - 13 February 2024

Time: 10.15am for a 10:30am start, concluding at approximately 12.30pm.

Parking is limited, we advise arriving with sufficient time to locate suitable parking. There is also paid parking at the Wilson St Carpark, a short five minute walk away.

Location: Sacred Heart Cathedral, HAMILTON. Followed by Pancakes in the Southern Cross Hall.

RSVP by: 5pm, Thursday 8 February 2024 at : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/caritas-australia-project-compassion-launch-2024-tickets-777386843977?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Weekday Liturgy

Weekday liturgies will recommence for 2024 next Tuesday February 6th 9.30am in the Morisset Church.

Rite of Election

Sunday 18th February is an opportunity to welcome all catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil (a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church) Please join in witness and prayerful support, those who choose to be Catholic. 2.30 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton, Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. Our parish will have two catechumens to present to Bishop Michael Kennedy on this occasion.

Watagan Deanery News

The Diocese of Maitland /Newcastle consists of several Deaneries. Our Morisset Parish belongs to the Watagan Deanery, with Fr Joseph Figurado as the Dean. Other Parishes in the Watagan Deanery are Shortland, Wallsend, Glendale, Boolarou, Warners Bay, Booragul, and Toronto.

Towards the end of 2023 it was proposed that a social movie night be organised for Parishioners in the Watagan Deanery. The movie is The Two Popes. This event will be held at the Warners Bay Parish Hall, Friday 9th February @ 6.30 for 7pm. \$10 donation, cheese wine & nibbles. Please contact the Parish Office. 49736859.

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?

Imprimatur: Latin word meaning 'let it be printed'. An official permission given by a qualified Church authority for the printing of a book. The imprimatur declares that nothing in the book is against the teaching of the church.

Evangelism: Many think of evangelism as a Protestant term. But it is a Biblical term. The evangelist is one who brings the Good News. Evangelism is what Pope Francis is saying that we need so much now. To evangelise is to welcome to invite and announce The Good News.

With a Light Heart

Tom and Molly are flying to Fiji for a two-week holiday to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Three hours from Sydney and over the public address system there's an urgent announcement. The captain says, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning, and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us, and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Tom turns to his wife and asks, "Molly, did we pay our electricity and gas bills this month?"

"Oh, no! I'm sorry, dear. I forgot," she says.

"One last thing, Molly. Did you remember to pay off the Mastercard and Visa this month?" he asks.

"Oh, forgive me, Tom," cried Molly. "I didn't do that, either."

Tom holds her and gives her a big kiss.

Molly pulls away and asks, "What was that for?"

Says Tom, "They'll find us!"

Rostered Ministries

Thank you to everyone who has already indicated your willingness to continue assisting or start with the various parish ministries. A 'carry over' roster for February will operate. The new roster will commence in March.

If you are still wanting to continue assisting or would like to start forms are available at the back of the church, or you may complete the Form 'online' at <https://forms.office.com/r/HF67vcVbXQ> or the link provided in the Bulletin email or the Button Link on the Parish Website or via the Mass App.

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 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 13th Feb. *(Please note sessions will not run if no bookings have been made)* Bookings can be online at the link at: <https://forms.office.com/r/wZtatkt01V> or by contacting our Parish Office.



Pope Francis' prayer intention for February 2024.

That those who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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

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 BSB:062815 Account Number: 00328161 one of the following Payment References are required by CCF for all deposits: 5004 or 5004 + SURNAME or 5004 + PG + your Giver Number, or 5004 + PG + SURNAME, or you can 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	J France H White	M Melvey K Lendon
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	P Robertson M Shamley	P Melvey J Vipan
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	A Dussin F Pascoe A Walker G Walker	H White P Herbert J Hutchins K Amon
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	J France M Melvey
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan M Foo	M Foo J Vipan
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France U France K Lendon K Amon	L Hutchinson P Robertson B Hutcheson J Hutchins
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX B Hutcheson P Robertson	J Scully T Alexander


Our Parish supports The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 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 minister and interact with. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding P: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 AGATHA (M) - 5TH FEB
- SAINTS PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS (M) - 6TH FEB
- SAINT SCHOLASTICA (M) - 10TH FEB
- ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEB
- THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER (F) - 22ND FEB
- SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY (M) - 7TH MAR
- SAINT PATRICK (S) - 18TH MAR
- SAINT JOSEPH (S) - 19TH MAR
- PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 24TH MAR
- THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 28TH MAR
- FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 29TH MAR

Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life threatening disease:
 Robyn Blood, Kim Smith, Sr Patricia Adams rsm, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Pat Findley, 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.



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
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 28 Jan 2024

The Introductory Rites
Acknowledgement of Country

We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. We especially acknowledge the Awabakal and Darkinjung peoples who were the original custodians of the land this parish sits on.

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:

God's kindness brings hope to the world.
To prepare ourselves to hear his Word
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you show compassion to those in need: Lord, have
mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you suffered for our sake: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to preach the good news to all: 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 light shines brightly
like a city on a hill-top.
May our good works
light up the world
with your goodness and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Sisters and brothers, in body and soul let us bring our intentions before God.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis, will stifle division and weakness in the Holy Church.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, on this Sunday of the Word of God, we will take the opportunity to celebrate, study and share the Word of God.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who work with victims of violence will relieve hopelessness and instil peace and calm.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those struggling with their faith will call on Christ and find relief from their sorrow.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That a path towards peace can be negotiated for the Middle East, Ukraine and all other areas of conflict.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations, organisations, and individuals will work as one to protect the Earth from climate change and its devastating consequences.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will show charity and compassion in our visits to the bereaved and the lonely.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick and housebound will find healing joy in Christ, especially for those who we know and love.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have died will be called by name and live forever with the Lord, especially those who were once members of our community and families.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, your Son bore our sin and endured our suffering. Hear our prayers and help us to live strong in faith as we celebrate the glory of his resurrection. 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 God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

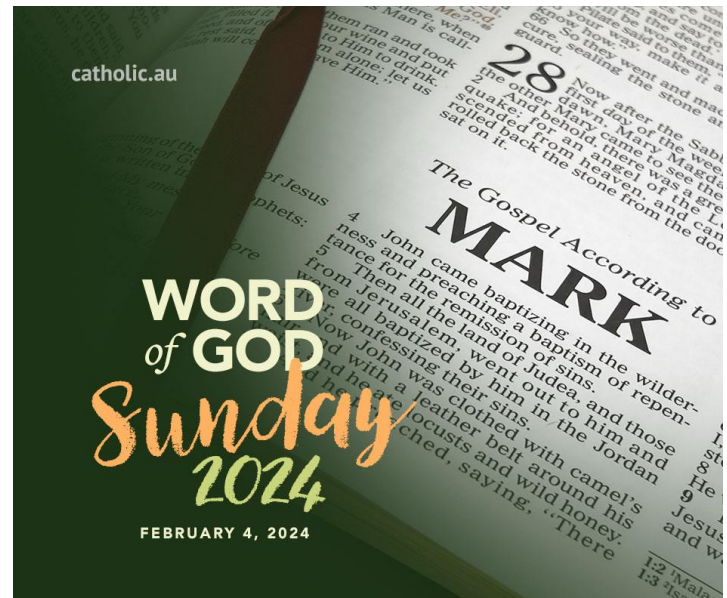
Leader:

Let us go in peace.

All:

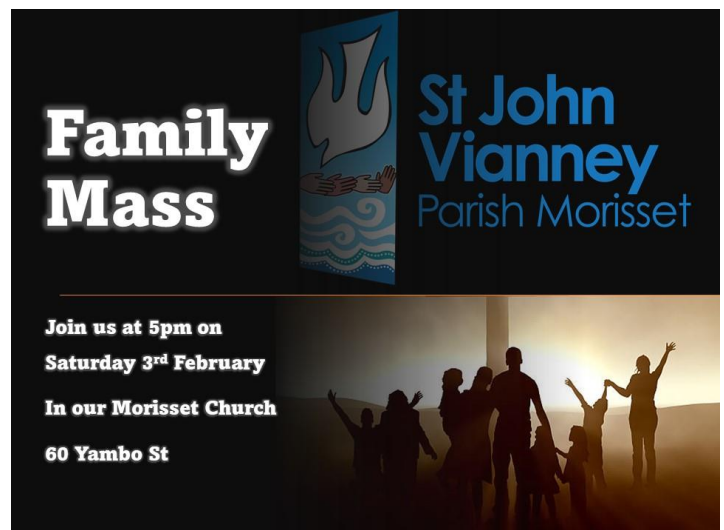
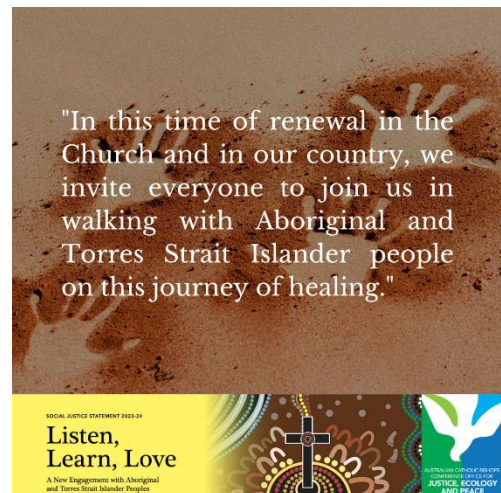
Thanks be to God.

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Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



Rite of Election

18 FEBRUARY 2024



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Humans are seekers of purpose and meaning. This search brings many to faith, to Christianity and to the Catholic Church.

As a Church community we welcome these people through the celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In this process we accompany them as their relationship with Jesus grows and they learn from us how to live as disciples of Jesus within the Catholic church.

It is important that the whole Church gathers to support and pray for our catechumens.

We invite you to do this by attending the Rite of Election with them on the first Sunday of Lent. Everyone is welcome!

When

2.30 pm - Sunday 18 February

Where

Sacred Heart Cathedral
841 Hunter St, Newcastle West

Afternoon tea

with Catechumens, their Godparents
and families follows the Rite

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