



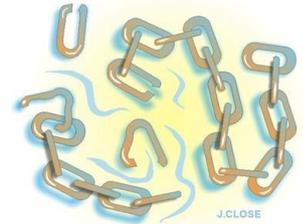
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

This Sunday has been decreed by Bishop Bill as 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday' and takes precedence over the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This day holds before us our history of child sexual abuse and the reality of its continual unfolding in the lives of those directly and indirectly affected. It is important that the Church mark this day with prayer, ritual and worship. As a people of faith, commissioned by Jesus to live in remembrance of him, we know the importance and power of remembering.

As members of the community of Jesus disciples we stand together, with survivors, against all forms of abuse and for cultural change that will promote fullness of life for all.

The focus of the readings is the gospel call to change through the power of God's love, which raises up new life in the midst of death and despair.



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation	Leader	In Office
1. Identity and Community		
2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	13th Sept 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	15th Sept 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Sunday	20th Sept 9.30am Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	22nd Sept 9.30am Mass— Morisset

EVERYONE who is not on rostered duties needs to call and book in each week this is due to the governments 4 square metre rule which limits our capacity to only 40 the last thing we want to do is turn people away because they didn't register and we are at full capacity . To book for services please call the Parish Office on 02 4973 6859 by Thursday 2pm for Weekend Services and by Monday 12pm for Tuesday Mass. Parish Office Hours are: 9am-2pm Monday to Friday.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537 .

COLLECTIONS

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to pass around our usual bags and plates for each of the collections. There are buckets located at the back of the church. The Blue bucket is for the 1st Collection and goes to support the Diocese Clergy Fund. The red bucket is for the 2nd Collection and planned giving envelopes and supports our Parish.

DOMN LIBRARY WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

The DoMN Library project marks a significant milestone this month with the launch of the new website and catalogue, which is now live on the Diocesan website.

Online publications including La Croix and The Tablet connect DoMN Library members to the latest perspectives on compelling issues of importance to Catholics in Australia and around the world. Likewise, access to the extensive eBook Religion Collection provides titles ranging from introductory texts for undergraduate coursework to more complex and detailed works for advanced students and scholars in the Religion discipline. The eBooks included in the subscription cover diverse worldwide religions and explore popular areas of study such as the social, cultural, and historical impacts of religion.

For in-depth reading and research the Religion & Philosophy Collection database provides DoMN Library member with extensive coverage of such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy. With more than 300 full text journals, the Religion & Philosophy Collection is an essential tool for researchers and students of theology and philosophical studies.

While the DoMN Library catalogue can be searched anonymously, registration is necessary for access to member privileges such as: borrowing books, audio visual resources and kits, for access to the eBook collection, periodicals and magazines and for access to the databases. Registration is an extremely simple process via the registration link on the library homepage. Once registered, an email confirming logon details makes members set to benefit from the array of resources – both physical and electronic. All physical resources will be made available for collection at the library desk in the Diocesan Offices reception area at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, or by arrangement. All resources should be returned to the Diocesan Offices as well.

To help navigate the sites many features, handy “How to” videos, with step-by-step instruction to many frequently asked questions (FAQ’s) are provided at the click of a mouse. There is also a Book Club which all are welcome to join.

Link to DoMN Library: <https://library.mn.catholic.org.au>

For all enquires or help please email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au or phone 0409 033 449.

ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion.

All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College.

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 14 September to 31 October.

For more information go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>

"PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

This weekend has been officially designated, by Bishop William Wright, as a "Perpetual Day of Remembrance" for our Diocese.

"As a faith community it is important for all of us to recognise that this day responds to a deep need in some of our brothers and sisters. As members of the community of Jesus' disciples – irrespective of our affiliation with the worshipping community – we stand together, with survivors, against all forms of abuse and for cultural change that will promote fullness of life for all. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village ...' We need every glimmer of light if together we hope to Shine the light of Christ into this dark space: a light of solidarity, a light of prayer, a light of courage and commitment to change, a light of healing and hope. "

We hope that all parishioners will join us and shine the light on Saturday night 12 September and leave a light on in solidarity with those who have been hurt.

At our Sunday Mass, we will prayerfully turn the light off again.

LISTEN TO THE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

You can listen to the 2020-21 Social Justice Statement through podcasts. In episode 1 Dr David Brennan reads the first section of To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. Section One: The Mental Health of our People and Communities provides an overview of the challenges that we face.

Go to: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/08/25/to-live-life-to-the-full-podcasts/>

LIVE STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY

At 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	U France	M Clipsham
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	J France	M Foo
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	V Paulo
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	U France	J France
<u>SOUND:</u>	9.30	J France	J France
<u>SIGN IN</u>	9.30	H White	L Hutchinson
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	M Foo	P Melvey
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	K Lendon G Hutchinson
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team

ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT AWAITS

Many of us are now making the most of any opportunity to leave our home-based COVID-19 social isolation and enjoy fresh air, sunshine, and the sense of space outdoors.

LAWRIE HALLINAN PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 08, 2020

This is an even more attractive prospect with the arrival of spring. The days are getting longer, the air getting warmer, and plants and animals are bringing forth new life. It's a perfect time to appreciate the natural environment and our part in it.

Such a time of reflection is the purpose of the Season of Creation, which many Christian churches mark at this time of year. Read the full story at: <https://mnnews.today/aurora/september-2020/attractive-prospect-awaits/>

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

There are number of resources and online events you can access this September. For more information visit the following sites.

Seasons of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
Catholic Earthcare

<https://catholicearthcare.org.au/2015/08/season-of-creation-september-1-october-4/>

A Catholic Season of Creation – Sundays of September
<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays-of-september-year-a>

Catholic Earthcare Australia Events <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/catholic-earthcare-australia->

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS— 14TH SEPTEMBER

OUR LADY OF SORROWS— 15TH SEPTEMBER

SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN— 16TH SEPTEMBER

SAINT MATTHEW— 21ST SEPTEMBER

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA— 23RD SEPTEMBER

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL— 29TH SEPTEMBER

SAINT JEROME— 30TH SEPTEMBER

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS— 1ST OCTOBER

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS— 2ND OCTOBER

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

Mal Melvey, Robert Jay, Joan Gillett, Monica Gray, June Purcill, Bruce Gillett, Nick Mirabello, Lynne Kop, Helen Martin, Lisa Mirabello, Jessamy Ferguson.

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

Recently Deceased: Dianne Fenner (sister of Jill Faint), Herbert Martin, Elizabeth Roberts.



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.



THE HEAVENS PROCLAIM ...

For a long time in this country, there was pretty much a Catholic everything.

BISHOP BILL WRIGHT PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 07, 2020

Catholic bookshops, multiple literary and debating societies, the Catholic Lawn Tennis Association, the Catholic Historical Society, Catholic Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Newman Societies for uni students and a host of other sporting and cultural bodies provided outlets for the energies and interests of the Catholic community. Whether this was a good thing or not, these organisations at least broadened the horizons and fed the curiosity of young working-class Catholics who might otherwise not have had an easy entree into such activities.

The Catholic Bushwalking Club, founded in 1943, survives to this day in a moderately flourishing condition. I confess I have never been a member, but its influence on me has been considerable because some of the young priests who took me and my friends into the bush when we were teenagers had gained their bush knowledge in the CBC or in company with members. My friends and I then spent much of our youth and young adulthood deep in the bush of the mountains of NSW and Tasmania. In my case, that ran on into taking young people from my parishes into the bush for about the next 30 years. It gave us all something of value.

I mention all this in the context of Pope Francis's great letter on environmental concerns, *Laudato si'*, in which he proposes the need for a cultural and spiritual shift in the way we relate to the natural world, "Our Common Home". Whereas much writing about climate change and care for the Earth centres on fear of future catastrophe, the Pope really is trying to move us to a new culture of love of the natural world in its own right. It is, after all, God's creation and God's gift, and we are part of it. He invokes St Francis of Assisi's great hymn of praise for all Creation. The sun and the moon, the fields and streams, life itself, and even death, are brothers and sisters to us in Francis's great canticle. That is the connectedness that Pope Francis would have us feel for the Earth and its creatures, including of course our fellow human beings. He sees insensitive exploitation of the Earth's resources as a kind of sacrilege, a failure to respect God's gifts and our fellow creatures. The symptoms of this sacrilege are evident in the sheer waste that contemporary use of resources involves, in the destruction of whole ecosystems, and in the vastly unequal distribution of resources between rich and poor communities. To "care for our common home" means, in the first place, to co-operate together as a human family, to see how the violence we do to the planet is also violence visited on the poor.

There are many perspectives on Catholic environmentalism in this edition of *Aurora*. So, I have felt a certain permission to come at the matter from my personal point of view. That was what all that stuff about bushwalking was. The Pope says, rightly, that we need to learn to love the natural world, and in my experience there's nothing quite like walking through it, sitting amidst it, sleeping on it, listening to its sounds, learning its moods, feeling its power and scale, gazing at its stars, and so on, to create that love, that sense of "home", that connection. That's my story, anyway.

As so often, there's a Leunig cartoon that gently brings home the message. I have it on my mantelpiece. It shows us a man sitting in a room. Through the window, we see a beautiful sunset. But the man is slumped in his chair, watching the same beautiful sunset on his television. I think all of us who are parents or teachers or have any role with our children and young people, should do our level best to see that they don't grow up to be that man. We love, very often, what we have learned to know and love. We care for what we love. And, of course, God's glory is seen in God's works.

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Let's be frank

Cardinal Bergoglio arrived in Rome in early March 2013 with all the other cardinals to engage in a process of prayer and discussions and then vote to select the new pope to lead the Catholic Church.

KEVIN CORRIGAN PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 08, 2020

Much to the surprise of many, on 13 March 2013, the election of Argentinian Cardinal Bergoglio was announced. One of the first things a newly elected pope does is choose the name by which he will be known. The choice of the name is an indication of the kind of leadership direction the new pope will take.

For the first time in 800 years, the name “Pope Francis” was announced – in honour of the remarkable Francis of Assisi. This 13th century saint lived a life of voluntary poverty, trusting in God’s providence to provide. He was also known for his joyfulness and appreciation of the way in which the beauty of nature speaks of the wonder of God. Francis would express this sense of closeness by referring to his “brother” sun; or “sister” moon; or “brother” wolf; as he approached his death, he referred to his “sister” death.

Soon after his election, Pope Francis announced he would like to see the emergence of “a poor Church in service of the poor”. He would soon release his first teaching and he would call this “The Joy of the Gospel”.

Then, in June 2015, Pope Francis released his major teaching on care for the global environment, *Laudato si’*, which means “praise to you”. The quotation is from the medieval saint’s hymn, “Praise to you, my Lord, through our sister, mother earth, who sustains and governs us.”

Laudato si’ is not pious nonsense. It is a visionary document that argues strongly for the necessity of systematic transformation of industrial practises, business objectives and personal lifestyles.

Tokenistic adjustments have no place in the *Laudato si’* plan of action. On page one it says:

“Saint Francis reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us ... This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her ...”

Laudato si’ analysis of the human activities and attitudes that contribute to this environmental destruction makes for uncomfortable reading. It points to the essential need for a global “ecological conversion” and to a hope-filled vision for the establishment of a global “integral ecology”. This will reverse the cycle of environmental

degradation and help “restore a sense of sacred respect for the earth because it is not just our home, but also Gods’ home” (Pope Francis, Earth Day, 2020).

The document makes clear that the necessary “global conversion” will only be achieved by nations, industries and economies working in solidarity. An integral component of this solidarity is to make real “the preferential option for the poor”.

“Rebuild my Church” was the mission that guided St Francis and “Restore my Planet” would be an apt mission statement *Laudato si’*. Globally, many understand the urgency for action, particularly the poor.

This year, Pope Francis launched a *Laudato si’* anniversary year (May 24 2020-May 24 2021). A seven-year Action Platform will commence next year. The action platform will engage with seven areas of human activity to which *Laudato si’* refers. Attention to these will contribute to the emergence of the global “integral ecology”.

These are the seven Action Platform areas.

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth – the emergence of sustainable business and industrial practises that also protect biodiversity.
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor – defence of human life from conception, and towards all vulnerable groups (indigenous, migrants and slaves).
3. Ecological Economics – sustainable and ethical production and consumption as well as investment in renewable energy.
4. Simpler Lifestyles – diet, energy use, forms of transport and sustainability.
5. Ecological Education – promoting awareness and action.
6. Ecological Spirituality – develops the religious sense of God’s creation through ecological catechesis, prayer and formation.
7. Emphasis on Community Participation and Action.

The *Laudato si’* Action Platform will engage the global Church on the level of families; dioceses and parishes; schools; universities; hospitals and health centres; businesses/agriculture and farms; and religious orders. It will appeal to all people of goodwill and complement the UN Sustainability Goals.

Fr Kevin Corrigan is a priest in the Morisset Parish.

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Sunday Readings



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Opening Prayer

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to be forgiving: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to be compassionate: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to seek forgiveness when we are wrong: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, may we hear your message and become more compassionate and forgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us listen to God's Word...

Monday

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all

his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Tuesday

First Reading Sir 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

This is the word of the Lord.

Wednesday

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R..**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Thursday

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence
on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if
we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead
we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ
both died and came to life, it was so that he
might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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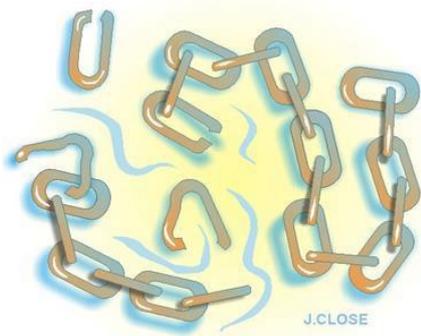
Closing Prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus,
help us to be loving and forgiving
towards ourselves and everyone
we meet.
In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

Leader: In the name of the Father...

All: Amen.



SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Sunday 13 Sep 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

Ode to the Light of Christ Fiona Duque

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.
Let us not fear the past
when our hearts were heavy.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.
Let us make evil good
and find sweet in the bitter.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20)

Come, let us weep together
when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress.
Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness.
Let them see the great Light of God
and let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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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.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Presider: Lord Jesus you are our hope:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus you rout the proud of heart and exalt the lowly:
Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus you send the rich away empty and fill the hungry with good
things:

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: 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.

O God, the Father of every gift,
we confess that all we have and are comes down from you;
teach us to recognize the effects of your boundless care
and to love you with a sincere heart and with all our strength.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."'

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks."'

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. (R.)
2. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. (R.)
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7 – 9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said:

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
‘He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church
let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: Sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs
and those of the world.

Reader: For the gift of wisdom and humility.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of truth and integrity.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of love and compassion.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of courage and forgiveness.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gift of acceptance and freedom.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have been affected by abuse.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are sick, especially those listed in our Bulletin and in our families.
God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died, especially those listed in our Bulletin and in our families. God of mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Presider: God of the living and the dead, in Jesus you raise us up to shine your light in the dark places of our world. Hear these prayers and help us to always remember how much we are loved. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF PRAISE:

GLORIA

Leader:

With peoples everywhere,
let us glorify our God (in joyful song).

All:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

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

Commission to Shine the Light of Christ

Presider: Let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past
when our hearts were heavy.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Presider: Let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good
and find sweet in the bitter.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20) Page | 22

Presider: Let us weep together

when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Presider: Let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness.
Let them see the great Light of God.

All: And let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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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.

Carrie Newcomer's song, 'If Not Now', to be played here.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bY585-fzSs>

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