

PRIEST: Almighty and everlasting God, make us new with contrite hearts. May we receive from you perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis as he urges the Christian community to strive to forgive and love. Let us make forgiveness and mercy the style of our lives so that many wars, troubles and suffering can be avoided.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the grace to evangelise our own country on this Home Mission Day, through the witness and fruits of sincere faith.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those that are desperately lonely, spending time away from relatives and loved ones. Move us to reach out in love to our community to help those feeling abandoned.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for Rev Sean Gough and Rev. Benedict Skipper who will be ordained today at St Chad's Cathedral; may God bless them in their priestly work and guide them in all they do.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish; Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, James Farmer, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Keith Frettsome, Lena Gallagher, Colette Hickey, Danny Meadows, Martha Sheridan, John Kavanagh, Patricia Mann and Paul Mann, Malachy Hanly, and Diane Burgess and our families wherever they may be. May they find hope and healing and may we all find ways of responding to their needs.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember those who have died recently: Peter Weston, Philip Horsburgh, Francis Toher, Alfred William Horsley and June Audrey Fieldhouse we pray that they all may be brought to life in Christ who has destroyed death as the final enemy under His feet. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time: Eileen Bowles, George Harris, Maura Cunningham, Elizabeth Emmeline Milnes, Wladyslaw Garnowski, Timothy Redmond, Phyllis Hanson, Joanne Lesley Field, George (Barry) Jukes, Charles Cassidy, Michael Cahill, and Monsignor Michael McTernan, and all with anniversaries at this time.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: as we say- Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: God, our loving Father, we ask you to listen to our prayers because we make them in faith and in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.