

PRIEST: With confidence in our risen and ascended Lord, who loves us beyond all we can imagine, we bring before him our prayers for the Church and for the world.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo as he marks his first anniversary as Pope. May he continue to inspire all Christians to rejoice in God's love and to show special care for those who are often overlooked in society. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the children receiving their First Communion this weekend, that this sacred encounter with Christ may fill their hearts with joy and strengthen their love for the Lord. Also, we pray for the parents and families of the First Communicants, that through their example and guidance, they may nurture the seeds of faith planted in their children's hearts. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those living with fear, illness, or hardship. May all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit be strengthened and comforted by the care and support of those around them. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those sitting exams. May God bless them with insight, calmness, and a future filled with hope. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Professor Judith Champ, Father Joseph, Cornelius Callanan, Geraldine McHugh, Francis Mazone, Margaret Stanley, Margaret McCabe, Della Quinn, Michael O'Gorman, Anthony Parsons, Bridget Mary Williams, Aggie O'Reilly, Eileen Ponsonby, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly and Anne Millward. We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time. (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 Angela Keating, Benjamin Wort, Lilian, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Juliana Benjamin, Father Michael White, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O'Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Teresa Toher, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Joe McClean, Stephanie Withers, Jess Stanton, Ronan Gosh and Mary Cassidy. (Pause). Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: 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 Father, your Son has opened for us the way to everlasting life with you and the Holy Spirit. Hear the prayers we offer in faith and make us faithful witnesses to his love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.