

PRIEST: God of mercy and steadfast love, lead us into the quiet places where your Spirit speaks. Strengthen us to turn from all that draws us away from you, and to walk with your Son in trust, humility, and courage.

READER: We pray for the Church and for Pope Leo, that, entering this holy season, we may, together, open our hearts to God's renewing grace and walk the Lenten path with courage, humility, and hope. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those in need, for all who struggle in the wilderness of illness, poverty, loneliness, or fear. May they find the strength and support that they need at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As the Feast of St Chad approaches, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we pray for Bernard our Archbishop and for all who live and work in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. (Pause).

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for our parish community. May this Lent deepen our commitment to God and to each other, so that we may recognise Christ in everyone we meet. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Father Joseph, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Geoffrey Doyle, Paulina Samathar, Cornelius Callanan, Laurence Marie Knight, Stephen Jenkins, Bernadette Cawley, Kate Nelson, Chris Johnson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Veronica Pickering, Frank Byrne, Geraldine McHugh and Francis Mazono.** We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time, especially Father Sean McTernan. (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, Briega Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O'Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Aggie O'Reilly, Teresa Toher** and our families wherever they may be. (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 of mercy and compassion, hear the prayers we bring before you as we continue our Lenten journey. Strengthen us to follow your Son in faithfulness and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.