

PRIEST: God of wisdom and life, as we gather to mark the Sunday of the Word of God, we bring before you the needs of the Church and the world, trusting that you hear us.

READER: Let us pray for Pope Leo, who last week reminded us that we are ‘God’s beloved children’. We take a moment to take in these comforting words, asking that the certainty of God’s love for us will encourage and motivate us in the coming week and beyond.

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

READER: Let us pray for our communities, for our parish and for all who live and work around us; that God’s Word might shape how we treat one another.

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

READER: As we approach the Feast of Candlemas, we pray for all children welcomed into the Family of the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism during the last 12 months.

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

READER: We remember those who are homeless, cold or destitute, asking God to comfort them. We give prayerful thanks for those who draw alongside them as workers and volunteers in shelters and food banks, mindful that they represent Christ in what they do. We ask God to keep them committed to their calling.

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

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Joy Smith, Anthony Herron, Antonio Albini, Phil Walsh, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston, Nora McGrogan, Monsignor Vaughan Morgan, Father David Keniry, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Geoffrey Doyle, Paulina Samathar, Cornelius Callanan, Laurence Marie Knight, Stephen Jenkins and Chris Johnson. We remember those who lost their lives in the Spanish Railway accident. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us. (Pause)

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially Father Joseph, Angela Keating, Benjamín 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, Margaret Hughes, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O’Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Aggie O’Reilly, Bernadette Cawley, 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 hope, hear the prayers we share and those we keep in silence. Help us to remember always that we are your beloved children, and to share that knowledge with others, as we live your Word in practical and generous ways. Amen.