

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION –22nd Sunday in Ordinary time 31st August 2025*

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**PRIEST:** Dear Lord, we remember you are the living bread, you nourish us beyond all else. You remain in us, and we in you. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Leo as he asks us to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. Help us to embody peace in a way that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic.

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

**READER:** As pupils and teachers head back to school and college, we pray for a happy and successful academic year. We especially think of those that are starting school for the first time, those that are moving up to a new school or college. May their new adventures be filled with new friends and exciting opportunities.

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

**READER:** We pray for our own church community; may we grow together in faith and compassion. We give thanks to our clergy that inspire us weekly on our journey with God.

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

**READER:** We pray for those caught up in the school shooting in a church in Minneapolis this week, and for the wider community affected. We ask the Holy Spirit to draw near to them in their shock and grief.

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

**READER:** We pray for those that feel uncertain, worried, and unsure of their future. May they be guided to live a full life, steered by God, and to accept the advice of good counsellors.

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

**READER:** We pray that those touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently: **Bernadette Harris, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Hilary Mayell, Father John Baggley, Deacon Tony Rigby, Deacon Brian Cox, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington.** We also remember those with anniversaries at this time.

**READER:** We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish, **Matthew Sheils, Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Damian Poole, 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, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan 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.

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**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus, help us carve out meaningful moments with you. Help us to embody your word in our lives and lead the life you intended for us. Amen.