

PRIEST: God our Father, in our prayers today we ask you to grant us the courage to face those things that worry us, the wisdom to know what we can do about them, and the faith to know that we don't face anything alone.

READER: As he continues his ministry of leading the Church, we remember Pope Leo in our prayers. We ask that his words about peace, unity and human dignity will reverberate around the world, challenging and inspiring all people – both those with faith and those without.

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

READER: We remember Bishop David Evans as he celebrates his 6th anniversary of his episcopal ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese. May God continue to bless him in his work and grant him good health. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for our own communities – for those who struggle with the cost of living, for families under pressure, and those who feel isolated. May our churches, schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods be places where people notice one another, offer help where it's needed, and make room for those otherwise left on the margins. **(Pause)**

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We give thanks for the work of CAFOD; also, for the generosity of St Augustine's Parish in supporting CAFOD. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: As we face the effects of a changing climate, extreme weather and pressure on resources, we pray for our common home, the earth, and for the natural world. We ask that those in leadership might take seriously their responsibility to protect and sustain our God-given environment. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Father Christopher Fitzpatrick, Philomena Kenny, Tony Duffy, Paul Ralph Stokes, Pete Foley, Bob Dipple, Geraldine McAndrew, Pat Costello, William Moore, Patricia Ann Sheasby, Patricia Murphy, Dorothy Reynard, Bridget McNamara, Christopher Pedley and Bridie Withers.** 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 **Father Pat Sayles, Angela Keating, Philomena Gallagher, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Father Michael White, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton, Graham Sampson, Edward O'Prey and Karen Beale.** **(Pause). Lord hear**

us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Our Lady, 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 compassion, receive our prayers. Guide us as to how we can be channels of peace, courage and compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.