

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, as we ready ourselves for your great coming, hear our prayers that we bring before you.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that, *'Jesus is with us at all times although we may not know it'*. Sometimes we may experience a spiritual struggle as many other facets of our lives compete with our prayer time. Help us to always persevere and commit ourselves to talking to God.

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

READER: We pray that the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis will swiftly come to an end before more people, including innocent children, are killed. May those in positions of power make compassionate decisions to prevent the killing of many more innocents.

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

READER: Today, as we mark *World Communication Day*, let us be Christian evangelists in our everyday lives. Let us greet people in the manner of Jesus with open hearts, smiles and kindness. Help us to encounter and embrace all people, especially those that need lifting the most.

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

READER: We pray for all volunteers that so kindly gave up their time to help people over the course of the pandemic; those who delivered food to the isolated, assisted at vaccine centres, worked with vulnerable children. We remember in that number our own volunteers here at St Augustine's who have cared for the Church. We give thanks for their generous hearts and the contribution they made to our community.

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

READER: We remember those who have died recently Mary Agnes Elliott, Caroline (Bishton (nee Collins) and Nora (Dolores)McCann We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As we approach Pentecost, let us reflect upon the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Let us take a moment for prayerful reflection...

(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 the sick of our own Parish, William Moran, Margaret Lennon, Kath Reidy, Hughie Quinn, John White, Father Fred Sheldon, Dan Doyle, Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Keith Frettsome, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Martha Sheridan, John Kavanagh, Patricia Mann and Paul Mann, Malachy Hanly, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Deacon Kevin O'Connor, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, and Diane Burgess 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: Loving Lord, keep us close as we are guided through life by Jesus Christ, your Son, who reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.