

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Fourth Sunday in Lent 10th March 2024

PRIEST: Lord God, we rejoice in you and in recognising that you love us so much. We come before you today, confident that you love us all more than we can possibly imagine.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May they be instruments of peace and joy in our world. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We give thanks, especially this weekend for the gift of mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit; for their teachings, their wisdom, patience and understanding. We ask you to bring comfort to those grieving because they are without their mothers at this time.

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

READER: We pray for people who are trapped in situations of injustice and war. May justice and peace replace violence and mistrust. We pray especially for a lasting ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the suffering of innocent people.

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

READER: We pray for ourselves as we look towards Holy Week and Easter. May our Lenten journey bring us closer to you and to each other.

(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: Alan Watts, Teresa Jukes, Stephen John McGrath, Father Christopher Greaney, Margaret Freeman, Emma Wilson, Josie Concannon, Margrett Cheung, Aidan Paul Flynn, Irene Nicholson and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Alice Butler, Baby Edward Hemming, Raymond Gamble, Anthony Dean, Kathleen Mary Lyddiatt, Helen Doyle, Ronald Morgan, Joan Olive Western, Louis O'Rourke, Petronilla Netsai Ndlovu, Megan Jean Zarebski, Walter Ashley, Mary Cormack, Iris May Toolan, Stephen Gerald Bakewell Jean Shakespeare, Ellen Ennis (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, Hughie Quinn, Father Fred Sheldon, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, Don Deneny, Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael Keating, Paulina Samathar, Sek Leung 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: Lord of life and joy, fill us with trust in your promises as we continue our Lenten journey. Amen.