

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION –3rd Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

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**PRIEST:** Lord of the Seasons, as we enjoy the longer days and look forward to the summer, we ask you to grant us wisdom to recognise the beauty of your creation, and to embrace the interconnectedness of all things.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis following his meeting with families of hostages held in Gaza, and for all those affected by this terrible situation. May his presence bring a spark of hope and reconciliation that turns into a flame and burns ever more brightly, bringing peace and healing.

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

**READER:** At the beginning of the summer term, we pray for everyone returning to school after the Easter break – for students, teachers, support staff, carers and parents. We ask God to guide teaching staff in making learning meaningful and enjoyable, nurturing young people who will grow in wisdom and faith.

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

**READER:** We lift up to God all those who are sick or suffering. May they experience the healing touch of Christ and find comfort in the midst of pain. We ask God to grant strength to their caregivers and inspire us to reach out with compassion to those in need. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

**READER:** As the wet weather looks set to continue, we pray for all those adversely affected by it, particularly farmers. Despite the difficulties they face, may they be good custodians of the land, respectful of God's creation as they provide food for the nation. **(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, Jose Concannon, Margrett Cheung, Adrian Paul Flynn, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, Maria Ann Sharples, Gretchen Dean, Joan Doyle, Brian Tighe and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Daniel Edward (Eddie) McAlear, Thomas Michael Hughes, Monica Ethna Thomas, Hugh Francis, Baby Logan Cheshire, Alan David Craythorne, Kevin Joseph Crowley, Karen Stoakes, Anne Christine Perkins, Thomas Henry Cole, Gary Harvey Law, Samuel Thornley, Alice Deehan, Dr Peter Loly, Dennis Joseph Mclaughlin, James Stephen Devine, Jack O'Connor.

**(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, Paulina Samathar 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:** Heavenly Father, we bring our prayers before you in confidence that you hear us. Grant us strength to face the challenges that lie ahead and wisdom to discern your will in all things. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.