

PRIEST: As we eagerly await the coming of the Son of Man, let us turn in confidence to God the Father almighty and implore his mercy for ourselves and the whole world.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis that his health may improve and he may be sustained throughout the season of Advent. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray that the holy season of Advent may increase our love for and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the Church, whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name. We pray for those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape, for those in pain, bring comfort and healing. For those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength. As Church we are one body and if one part suffers, every part suffers with it. May we always respond with compassion and love. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the 41 Indian workers who were trapped in a tunnel in northern India; we give thanks for their successful rescue; also we give thanks for all the rescue workers who endeavoured tirelessly, despite huge obstacles, to rescue these men. (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: Jean Kennedy, Eamonn Horgan, Pauline Hatton, Lorry Chute, Bob Fogarty, Jack Brosnan, James Delaney, John Thomas Elliott, Declan O'Reilly, Kiara Devine, Father Sean Turley, Joyce Mary Bennison and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Patricia Bridget Banks, Michael Murphy, Zofia Lozinski, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Alexander Joseph MGarry, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn, Raymond John Nicholson. (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, Jim Reidy, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, Mary Ryan, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Savio Baretto, Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Josie Concannon, Anthony O'Neill, Baby Saiorse Davies 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: Heavenly Father, your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, comes to us as a Servant and our Redeemer through the Incarnation. May our hearts be prepared to rejoice in his birth at Christmas. Through Christ our Lord. Amen