

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear graciously the prayers we make in your name. We worship and glorify you, we give thanks for your eternal glory.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and listen to his prayer intention for September as he asks everyone to respect the planet's resources. *“Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.”* (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for school communities as they once again come together to start the new academic year. May pupils rejoice in reuniting with their friends and receive the catch-up support they need to get back on track with their learning. We give thanks for great teachers and appreciate all they do to inspire young minds.

We pray for those starting university and leaving home for the first time. May the Holy Spirit bless and protect them on their new path, helping them to be happy, healthy individuals.

We pray for parents whose children are off to university, fleeing the nest for the first time. Comfort parents and ease their worrying as they witness their children grow in independence.

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

READER: We pray for families facing poverty. Let government officials, business leaders and supermarkets work together to identify a long-term solution to end child poverty in the UK.

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

READER: We pray for those who need ongoing medical treatment who are forced to wait at this time. May the Holy Spirit watch over them and their families, keeping them positive and patient.

(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; Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, James Farmer, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Keith Frettsome, Lena Gallagher, Colette Hickey, Danny Meadows, Martha Sheridan, John Kavanagh, Patricia Mann and Paul Mann, Malachy Hanly, Diane Burgess, Rose Farragher, Simon Gibson and our families wherever they may be. May they find hope and healing and may we all find ways of responding to their needs. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember those who have died recently: Cecilia O'Brien, Finn Ryan, John Brown, Peter John Chapman, John Joseph Jones, Margaret Conway, Peter Weston, Philip Horsburgh, Francis Toher, Alfred Horsley, June Audrey Fieldhouse and Nora Cooney; we pray that they all may be brought to life in Christ who has destroyed death as the final enemy under His feet. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time: Teresa Wood, Valerie Harvey, James Patrick Haveron, Margaret Dunne, Rose Mary Walsh, John Foley, Thomas Joseph Smith, Patrick Hadland, Amanda Denton-Hawkes, Rose Tirey, Ellen Blakemore, Christopher Hinckley, Charles Mobsby, Liam Jones, John Francis Morgan, Margaret Veronica Jones, Noreen Mary Cecilia Porter, and all with anniversaries at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: as we say- 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, we open our hearts to you. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.