

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, today we mark the Feast of Christ the King and we ask you to become the Lord of our lives and transform the very pattern of how we live. Hear our prayers.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis as he tells us there is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness. Let us remember to find a humble love offered in each situation and to become instruments of God's grace.

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

READER: We pray for the scientists that have worked tirelessly to formulate Coronavirus vaccines. We give thanks for their knowledge and expertise and for all the people that have put themselves forward for trials to ensure our ongoing safety.

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

READER: We pray for ministers that are working hard to develop an outline of what set of restrictions the UK may face in December after lockdown. Let us remain hopeful that decisions made will be for the good of all people. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for the young people of the Parish on this National Youth Sunday. We pray, during these difficult days to remember to always encourage, support and inspire the younger generation especially those that are currently struggling to find employment, battling mental health issues and worried about their future. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for those that are lonely. Let us show love and compassion to people in our community that are isolated and suffering with agonising loneliness. As Christians, let us remember we are called by Jesus to care for one another.

(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; Father Fred Sheldon. 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, Kathleen, Adrian and Diane Burgess 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: Michael Alfred Lawrence, Patricia Mason, Marilyn Smyth, Mark Holder, Margaret O'Connor, Roger Bonner, Eileen & Kevin O'Connor, June Markey, Reverend Derek Shaw, Father Tom Williams, William Heddon and Tom Gorman, 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: John McCallum, John Dodman, Eugene Joseph McCormack, Colleen Taylor, Bridie Cronin, William Pritchard, Phyllis (Doll) Williams, Robert Parks, Mary Cecilia McKenna, Michael Edward Connolly, Florence Ann Moloney, Sean Breakwell and Alan Leslie Bibby 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, as we keep you close in our hearts, guide us through these difficult days. Be beside us in all we do as we place all our trust, hope and love in you. Amen.