

PRIEST: Gracious Father protect us during this New Year and throughout our lives. Hear these prayers which we make through Christ, our Lord

READER: Let us pray for Pope Francis as he invites us to proclaim the Gospel by allowing God's light of love to shine for others to see.

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

READER: Let us pray for all those working in education settings as they quickly adapt to new ways of teaching. May they maintain the virtues of perseverance and courage to inspire all children, especially those that are disadvantaged.

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

READER: As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next. Lord hear us.

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

READER: Let us pray that the vaccine roll-out will run smoothly and effectively. We give thanks to those that are working tirelessly to administer the injection and pray for its success.

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

READER: Let us pray for the people of America as they face unrest and chaos from supporters of opposing political viewpoints. May 2021, and the new president, bring unity, peace, and respect to all communities.

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

READER: That those who bring to Christmas this year memories touched by shadows of bereavement, that they may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently: Anne White, James Conway, Bertie O'Rahilly, Kevin Stevens and Father George Webster and all our families and friends. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time.

(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, Dan Doyle, Martin Yeates, Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Keith Frettsome, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Martha Sheridan, John Kavanagh, Patricia Mann and Paul Mann, Malachy Hanly, Pat Ferris, Kevin McDaid, Tom Oliver, John Smith, John White, Maggie McCarthy, Helen and family and Diane Burgess 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: Loving Father, we hold you sacred in our hearts. Stay close to us throughout this year as we devote ourselves to you. Amen.