

**PRIEST:** Lord God, as we come before you today in prayer, we hold out our hopes and our fears, in the certainty that you hear us and respond. Give us grace to recognise your answer, Lord, and the strength and courage to do our part in bringing about your will.

**READER:** We remember those who seek to show the love of God through leadership. We pray especially for Pope Leo and all who support him in his ministry; that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit through this era of new beginnings and change. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for all the children who, this weekend for the first time will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. May they love Him with all their hearts and forever live faithfully. We also remember with thanks, the Priests, Catechists, Teachers and Parents who have helped prepare the children for their first Confession and Holy Communion.

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

**READER:** With the news that the people of Gaza face further violence and starvation, we urgently pray that God will bring peace to the region and will soften the hearts of those who make the decisions that affect so many people's lives. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for our community, our parish and all those gathered here today; that we might grow together in faith, love, and service to 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; Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, Kevin McDaid Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Tony Rohan, Father Paul Johnson, Louisa Creighton, Karen Hall, Juliana Benjamin, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Breda Fleming, Cornelius Callanan, Angela Hyland 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 pray for those who have died recently: Pope Francis, Trish Embley, Maha Eraifej, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy, Chris Morgan-Cettler, Wayne O'Neill, Joseph Layden, Pat Clarke, Anne-Marie Grimley, Terry Round: 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. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

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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:** Heavenly Father, as we lift our prayers to you today, we do so with humble hearts and gratitude for your love, mercy and guidance. We ask for strength in times of weakness and peace in moments of doubt. Amen.