

PRIEST: Loving Lord, throughout Lent let us remain faithful to Jesus' teaching of love and compassion. Let us come to you in daily prayer and conversation. Let us walk through Lent with open hearts, listening ears and loving hearts.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis as he asks us to remember those that are suffering. "May the Lord inspire everyone to draw near to those who suffer, especially children, and to put the weakest in first place."

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

READER: As we prepare to enter a new season may we become more aware and appreciative of the wonder of creation. Help us to become guardians of our local landscapes by taking care of our green spaces and treading thoughtfully.

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

READER: We pray for those in the world with little access to food or clean water. Let us live with charitable hearts so we can help all people have the chance to live life to their full potential.

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

READER: We pray that the UK's collective sacrifice during the coronavirus pandemic will lead to a better future. One where our youth can flourish with new opportunities and a society with less inequalities and injustices

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

READER: That those who bring to this New 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 Pat Ferris, Anne White, Father Pat Joyce, Martin Yeates, Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, George Branwell-Rushforth, Sue Franklin, John Smith, Canon Giles Goward, Steve Evans, Kevin Smith, Denis Lynch, Ron Carson, Mildred Geary, Rufino Eroy, Claire Brewer, Joan Kennedy and all our families and friends. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially John Christopher Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Father Sean McTernan, Jean Lingard, Gerard Anthony Kavanagh, Sheila Emily Doyle, Rita Shanley, Sheila Irene Quinn, Robert(Bob) Pritchard, Margaret Mawdsley and Frank McGuinness .

(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, Margaret Lennon, Kath Reidy, Hughie Quinn, John White, Maureen Cody, Father Fred Sheldon, Dan Doyle, 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, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Deacon Kevin O'Connor, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Michael McGovern 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: Lord God, we give thanks for your never-ending love and compassion. Amen.