

**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, today as we remember St Peter and St Paul, help us to be as entirely grasped by Jesus' ongoing message to us, just as they were. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis as he urges us to pass our heritage, values and experience to the young. Let us use our presence, compassion and tenderness to prepare the young for a life of Christian faith.

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

**READER:** We pray for all those living in turmoil and distress. May the Holy Spirit comfort and soothe their worried minds and provide answers to enable them to move forward positively and hope filled.

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

**READER:** As the number of people sleeping rough is higher than it was 10 years ago, we pray for all those that are homeless, living in temporary accommodation, night shelters and hostels. May they be kept safe and find a place to call home. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray that political leaders speak with conviction and honesty. May they truly aspire to create a change that benefits those in our society that are most in need and feel unheard and unseen.

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

**READER:**As this country faces the General Election within days. May candidates be inspired by a thirst for service rather than power. May campaigns and media act with integrity and may voters have a clear vision of the most uniting and compassionate way ahead for the country and the world.

(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; **William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Father Fred Sheldon, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, , Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Aidan, Patrick (senior and junior) and Anne O'Donnell, Paulina Samathar, Frank Owen, Philomena Baretto** 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: **Sandra Margaret Barry, Richard Minto, Mary Frances Williams, John Traynor, Mary Christina Hayes, Julia Keaveney, Maria Ann Sharples, Mary Ellen Drew, Pat Butler, Patricia Belcher, Joan Doyle, Pauline Waters, Bridie Cuddy, Anthony Wigmore and Maurice Dunbar.**

**We also remember those with anniversaries at this time: John Fellows, Colin Chisholm, Joan Tweddle, Onnella Gilda (Jill) Harding, Tony Jordan, John Patrick O'Donnell, Peter McKeown, Philip O'Hara, Antony Vincent Volante, Kathleen Cardew, David Francis Meadows, Anne Minto, Marie Lila McMahan, Rose Ann McCracken, Marie Justin Francis, Kitty Watson, Francis Joseph Hatton, Corrine Vera Harley** (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:** Lord, we trust in you always... amid any uncertainty and fear, help us to draw ever closer to you as you will always calm the storm. Amen.