

PRIEST: Jesus Christ, you proclaimed the Spirit of the Lord was within you, help us to recognise the Holy Spirit within each of us. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis in his role as our Holy Father as he helps us to reflect on God's tenderness, as he reminds us, *"Tenderness is not primarily an emotional or sentimental matter: it is the experience of feeling loved and welcomed precisely in our poverty and misery, and thus transformed by God's love."* Help us to be transformed by God's love.

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

READER: We pray for the young Parishioners who will be enrolled this weekend as candidates for Confirmation. We ask that the Holy Spirit will inspire them, their parents and their teachers in the weeks ahead. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us

READER: As the cost of living rises at its fastest pace for 30 years, we pray for those that are struggling to make ends meet. May those in need access support and welfare benefits that helps to put food on their table and provides hope for a brighter future.

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

READER: We pray for the people of Tonga that are currently blanketed in thick ash which has hampered the delivery of much-needed food and drinking water. With many devastated by the loss and destruction of homes, we pray residents find safe shelter.

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

READER: We pray that those whose memories are touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently Keith Burgess, Mr Brian Jones, Eileen Kelly, George Bicknell, Mary Elizabeth Rowley, Kathleen Patricia Lunham, James Daly and all our families and friends. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Purlil, Margaret Bourke, Roland (Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, Nuala Therese Carthy, John Michael Reid

(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, Kath Reidy, Hughie Quinn, John White, Father Fred Sheldon, Dan Doyle, Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken and Doreen Shirley, Chris Jena, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, John Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Noreen O'Connor, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Gillian Jones, Joanne Moss, Tom Oliver and Diane Burgess and our families wherever they may be. 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, help us to create an ever-growing union with you through faith, hope and love. Amen.