

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 5th Sunday of Easter 15th May 2022

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**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, you told us to love each other in the same way that you loved us, but also to the same extent that you showed your love, a love which ‘cost not less than everything’. Today we offer you our prayers on behalf of a world and of the people who are closer to your heart than we can possibly imagine.

**READER:** Called to love, we pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May their example of generous service and compassion inspire many people to reach out to those who need love and support. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for seminarians who will be ordained within the next few weeks. May they imitate the tender compassion of the Good Shepherd who, ignoring the personal inconvenience, carried the lost sheep to safety and security.

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

**READER:** We remember the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Nigeria, Myanmar, China and any place in the world where fighting and bloodshed restrict family life and love. May the efforts of peacemakers inspire an epidemic of peace, justice and respect for human rights.

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

**READER:** We gratefully remember those who work in the caring and emergency services. May they be blessed for their dedication and generosity. May they find the courage and perseverance that they will sometimes need.

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

**READER:** We pray that those 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: Father Ted Simpson, Mark Zack Adam Price, Monica Ethna Thomas, Thomas Laurence O’Neill, John Kelly, Mary Anderson, Amanda Stellfox and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Kathleen May Hemming, James Joseph Owens, Mary Mitchell, Pauline Marie Callaghan, Thomas Joseph Kellett, Maureen Walters, Eddie Kubic, Mary Teresa Dalton, Les Docker, Johanna O’Connell, Roger Embley, (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, 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, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, David Bixby, Keith Ritchie, Bernie Day, Sylvia Simon, Harry Condon 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.

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**PRIEST:** Lord of love, watch over, bless and protect the people we bring before you today. Help us to grow in our love for you and for each other. Amen