

PRIEST: Heavenly King, lead us to live our lives by your great, saving grace. We come before you, seeking your ever-loving guidance

READER: Let us pray for Pope Francis as he asks us all to nurture our interior life. “We all need to meditate, to reflect, to find ourselves.” Let us welcome meditation to our daily lives to draw closer to Jesus and against the daily stresses, to care for our interior life that should not be neglected.

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

READER: As we approached 1st May we mark St Joseph the Worker. Let us follow St Joseph’s example as we remember this compassionate and obedient man of God. We pray for all fathers as they strive to protect and provide for their family. May this honourable Saint, who watched over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now care, and watch over all of us.

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

READER: As the Coronavirus devastates India, we pause to remember the many families that are left alone abandoned with deeply unwell family members, unable to reach or receive medical care. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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

READER: As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We remember those who have died recently, including Mary Elliott and Pauline Mullins. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially Patrick Ryan, Mary Hannah Murphy, Pamela Smith, Joseph Charles Callaghan, Helenah Oldfield, Veronica Jordan, Michael Rochfort, Ken White, Selena Helena Beggan, Wincenty (Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne and Maria Malik. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for the people of Israel who were killed in a crush at a religious festival. We give thanks for the emergency services who worked tirelessly to rescue survivors. And we remember those who are injured. **(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, Margaret Lennon, 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, 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, William Moran 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: Almighty God, we worship you, we give thanks to you. Keep us close as we go about our daily lives remembering your unfailing love for us. Amen.