

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

PRIEST: In these days of Holy Week, when Christ prayed and entreated his Father in the anguish of his Passion with humility and sorrow for our sins, may our Father hear and answer our prayers out of love for his Son, Jesus Christ.

READER: We pray that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ will inspire the leaders of the Church in their witness to the love of God and give new life to the Church. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We give thanks for the many blessings that our local community has. We pray for those who are in office that govern our community, that they make wise godly decisions that are always in the best interest of the community. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for all those who will be baptized and received into full Communion of the Church at this time. We ask the Lord to continue to guide them and bless them. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for health and emergency care workers, for those involved in any way in supporting and caring for anyone who is sick, isolated, afraid or vulnerable in some way, that God will reward their generosity and self-sacrifice, keeping them and their loved ones safe at this present time. (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: Alan Watts, Teresa Jukes, Stephen John McGrath, Father Christopher Greaney, Margaret Freeman, Emma Wilson, Josie Concannon, Margrett Cheung, Adrian Paul Flynn, Irene Nicholson, Maria Ann Sharples and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Bishop David McGough, Mary Gwendoline Robinson, Annie Bridget McTernan, Philomena Bernadette Mullins, Jaqueline Ann Powers, Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund (Ted) Wilcock, David Snape, Trixie Stella Maris Cotterill, Carol O'Connor, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, John Deasy. (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, Don Deneny, Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael Keating, Paulina Samathar 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: Merciful Father, by the holy cross of Christ, your Son has redeemed the world. Help us to take up his cross and to be united to Jesus in his Passion, with Mary his Mother, for Jesus is our Lord, now and for ever. Amen.