

PRIEST: God our Father, guide our prayers today. Teach us to pray with truth and love, and to live lives that reflect your glory.

READER: As we pray for Pope Leo, we commit to follow his lead in refusing to shy away from announcing the Gospel. May his example and his words inform our actions and outlook. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for our world, especially for those places where there is danger, darkness and despair, and for those who live there. We ask the Holy Spirit to pour comfort, courage and hope into troubled situations. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the communities in which we live and work. We ask God to show us the part we can play in making them welcoming places, where the broken can find healing and peace. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those in leadership and government. May they do everything in a spirit of compassion and charity, and may it be manifested in the decisions and policies that affect us all. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Professor Judith Champ, Father Joseph, Cornelius Callanan, Geraldine McHugh, Francis Mazone, Margaret Stanley, Margaret McCabe, Della Quinn, Michael O’Gorman, Anthony Parsons, Bridget Mary Williams, Aggie O’Reilly, Eileen Ponsonby, Nicholas Ian Barnett and Anne Millward. We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time. (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 Angela Keating, Benjamín Wort, Lilian, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briega Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O’Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O’Donnell, Juliana Benjamin, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O’Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Teresa Toher, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Joe McClean, Stephanie Withers, Jess Stanton and Mary Cassidy 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: God of mercy, you hear the prayers we say as well as those we hold in silence. Stay with us as we continue our journey and show us how to live out our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.