

**PRIEST:** Lord God, Jesus promised us that whoever comes to him will never be hungry and that those who believe in him will never be thirsty. You know that our world is starving for love and is thirsting for the compassion and understanding which are your gift. In humility, we stand before you, confident that you understand our prayers even before we speak.

**READER:** We pray for the Pope's Prayer intention for the month of August, that the Church may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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

**READER:** Let us pray for families during these summer holidays. May their time together bring them closer together in love, understanding and happiness. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** Let us pray for ourselves as the country tries to leave behind the hardships of the covid pandemic. May the lessons we have learned as a result of covid help us to be ever more compassionate, understanding and respectful towards others. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** Let us pray for all those whose lives have been turned upside-down by flooding, wildfires, drought and other natural disasters. May they experience the support and love that they need in order to face the future with courage and hope. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** Let us pray for all those involved in the Olympics and Paralympics. May their willingness to give of their best inspire others to follow their example.

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

**READER:** We remember those who have died recently especially Anthony Joseph Quinn, Richard Bird, Eileen Elizabeth Agar, Kay Szpakowski, Sarah Dolphin, Bernard Campbell and Sheila Kelly. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Father Thomas More, Pauline O'Hare, Olive Doreen Jones, James Howard Turner, Dennis Roache, Eileen Mulry, Bridget Long, Stanley Gough, Michael Mahoney, Francis Stephen O'Brien and all 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 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, Peter Kavanagh, Patricia Mann and Paul Mann, Malachy Hanly, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Noreen O'Connor, Molly Saunders, Gillian Jones, Damian Ryan, Sean Clarke 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:** Lord of life and love, be with us. Stay with us. Guide us towards you and each other. Amen.

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