

PRIEST: Lord, as we enter this time of watching and waiting, we raise our prayers to you, asking for patience and peace in our lives.

READER: As we stand on the threshold of a new year in the life of the Church, we pray for Pope Francis; that he might continue to lead with wisdom and kindness.

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

READER: We pray for those who have been adversely affected by bad weather and for those who work to raise awareness of climate change; that their voice might be heard above the storm. We ask God to guide policymakers in making decisions for the future of our planet.

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

READER: We pray for the Church at this time; that Advent might be a time of blessing, clarity and healing for all Christians, and that love and generosity will prevail.

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

READER: We pray for those who watch and wait; who wait for the birth of a child, for a change in their life, or for the end of a life. We ask that those facing death might receive grace and comfort from God, to understand death as the way to life eternal.

(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, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Michael, Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, , Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Philomena Baretto, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Father Gerard Kelly, Father Michael White, Joe McClean, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Vincent Antonio de Costa, Teresita Windsor** and our families wherever they may be. May they find hope and healing and may we all find ways of responding to their needs.

(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: Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Rita Terry, David Wenlock, Eileen Doyle : we pray that they all may be brought to life in Christ who has destroyed death as the final enemy under His feet. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: as we say- 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: We bring our prayers before you, merciful God, certain that you hear us. We make our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.