

PRIEST: With confidence in God who blesses the humble and lifts the lowly, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo and for the Church: that together, we may be poor in spirit, gentle, merciful, and courageous in seeking justice.

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

READER: We pray for anybody who is feeling sad, for whatever reason. We especially remember those who have recently lost a loved one through war, violence or the recent natural disasters. May they be comforted. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: As we approach the Feast of Candlemas, we pray for all children welcomed into the Family of the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism during the last 12 months.

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

READER: As we celebrate Racial Justice weekend, we pray for those who suffer racial abuse or injustice, that the love of God may enfold and support them. We also pray for tolerance and respect in and for our local communities, that we may have an openness to neighbours and strangers. (Pause) **Lord hear us.** Response: **Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Joy Smith, Anthony Herron, Antonio Albini, Phil Walsh, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston, Nora McGrogan, Monsignor Vaughan Morgan, Father David Keniry, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Geoffrey Doyle, Paulina Samathar, Cornelius Callanan, Laurence Marie Knight, Stephen Jenkins, Kate Nelson and Chris Johnson.** We remember those who lost their lives in the Spanish Railway accident. (Pause) **Lord hear us.** Response: **Lord graciously hear us.** (Pause)

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially **Father Joseph, Angela Keating, Benjamín Wort, Lilian, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O'Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Aggie O'Reilly, Bernadette Cawley, Teresa Toher, Michelle Gardner** 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 many blessings, hear the prayers we offer and shape our hearts according to the way of your Son. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.