

PRIEST: Loving Lord, as we hear the story of Mary and Martha, we are reminded that what really matters is to be present with you. Mindful of this, we come before you in prayer to rest in your company and listen to your word.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo, as he celebrates the first Mass for the Care of Creation, and invites us to pray for those who do not recognise the urgency of caring for our common home. We ask that humanity might learn how to safeguard and nurture God's creation, and we commit to caring for nature and wildlife in whatever way we can in our own neighbourhoods and communities.

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

READER: We pray for those leaving school or university; that they might take the next steps with resolve, courage and hope, going out boldly to do God's work in the world. We also remember the students in our Parish Schools as they begin their summer vacations; that it may be a carefree safe time for them.

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

READER: We pray for the child who died in the coach accident in Minehead; for those injured and for all family members connected to the tragedy. We give thanks for the Paramedics, firemen and the police, who worked tirelessly. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We ask the Holy Spirit to be a presence of peace in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, particularly for the people of Gaza and Ukraine, who have suffered for so long. We pray too for those working in dangerous conditions to get aid into Gaza.

(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; **Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Kevin McDaid, Philip Saunders, 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, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Tony Rohan, Father Paul Johnson, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland** 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 for those who have died recently: Paul Malone, Hilary Mayell, Doreen Cotton, Gerard William Dornan, David Wong, Angela Cleeton, Delia Finnegan, Chelsea O'Callaghan and Dymphna McKiernan; 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: Lord God, we sit at your feet and open our hearts to you, in the sure knowledge that you hear our prayers and answer us. Amen.