

PRIEST: God our Father, as we bring before you the concerns of the Church, our communities and our world, help us to listen with care, speak with honesty and respond with generosity.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo – for wisdom and courage as he leads the Church and continues to speak out against violence and to call for justice and peace. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for world leaders and for all those who have influence over the lives of others. May they be guided by God in resisting hostility and conflict in favour of negotiation and reconciliation. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all students who have received their examination results in the last two weeks; we give thanks for their success and wish them well, as they start to plan their immediate future. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for our environment and for those who live with the effects of climate change. We think of the communities in the Midlands that have been so badly affected by devastating wildfires this summer, and we remember the emergency workers and volunteers who work to protect lives and homes. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As the summer holidays draw to an end, we remember pupils and students preparing to return to school, for the parents, carers and school staff who will be supporting them, and for those returning to work after the summer break. May our schools, workplaces, parishes and neighbourhoods be places where people are supported and fulfilled. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Tony Duffy, Pete Foley, Michael Joseph O'Mahony, Sonya O'Shea, Bob Dipple, Glynis Hawkins, Philip Gartland, Henry Oliver Price, James Harding, Helen Mary McGrath, Reginald Harding, Geraldine McAndrew, Christopher Pedley and Julie Agnew.** 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 **Father Pat Sayles, Angela Keating, Philomena Gallagher, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton and Philomena Kenny.** (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Our Lady, 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, keep before us the needs of our neighbours and the wider world. Grant us the courage to act, so that the compassion and justice we ask of you may also be seen in the way we live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.