

PRIEST: Lord of hope, you promised to make your home in our hearts. Confident of your love, we bring you our prayers, hopes and dreams.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo as he begins his new role as ‘servant of the servants of God’. May he truly be a bridge builder in a world which is so often divided and hurting.

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

READER: We pray for people of all religions and none. May they strive to be at home with each other in understanding and compassion.

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

READER: We pray for all missionaries who courageously spread the love of Christ and bring hope to those in need. May God grant them grace and strength, and may we actively support them with our prayers and generous contributions, enabling them to continue their vital work around the world.

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

READER: We pray for families, teachers and students during the exam season. May the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom, especially when they feel under most pressure.

(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, 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, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Andrew McCann, Father Gerard Kelly, 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: Pope Francis, Trish Embley, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy, Chris Morgan-Cettler, Wayne O'Neill, Joseph Layden, Pat Clarke: 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, you are our life and our hope, our joy and our companion through all of life's ups and downs. Be with us. Stay with us. Help us to celebrate your love forever and always. Amen Amen.