

PRIEST: Loving Lord, today we are reminded where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are amongst us. As we gather here, as a church community, we give thanks for your presence today. Hear the prayers we bring before you...

READER: We pray for Pope Leo, as he provides us with his prayer intention for September: 'For the care of water'. Water quenches thirst and nourishes the earth. As Christians, it serves as a symbol of God's grace and love for us and our renewal in Baptism. Help us, this month and beyond, to treasure the gift of water and pray for those in the world who live without its life-giving properties. (Pause)
Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of earthquakes, droughts, crop failures, floods and wildfires. May they find the encouragement and support they need to rebuild their lives and homes. We remember especially, the people of Nepal and Tibet who have lost their lives, homes and possessions in the recent flash floods. (Pause)
Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: This week, as we celebrate The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray to draw ever closer to the Mother of God. Help us to witness her dedication and trust in God, and in doing so, recognise and improve our own. (Pause)
Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for schools, colleges and universities at the start of the new academic term. We pray both teachers and pupils will relish the opportunity to learn together, to enrich one another and be engaged to achieve the best outcomes for each other for the year ahead. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As we say goodbye to the summer months, we look forward to embracing autumn with good health and strong faith. May our church community be blessed with an abundance of blessings this season. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Tony Duffy, Paul Ralph Stokes, Pete Foley, Bob Dipple, James Harding, Helen Mary McGrath, Reginald Harding, Geraldine McAndrew and Julie Agnew, Christopher Pedley. We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time, especially Father Ignatius and Father Paul Devaney. (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, Father Michael White, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton, Edward O'Prey 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: Loving Lord, help us to build strong connections and relationships. Help us to live and love fully. So that where we invest our love, we invest our life. Amen