

PRIEST: Dear Lord, Today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Help us to recognise the 'real meaning' of Christmas in all our celebrations. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

READER: We pray for the Church: that the invitation 'Come, let us adore him', will echo in and through every aspect of the Church's life. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We continue to pray that the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those that will be experiencing a different Christmas this year. Perhaps they are missing the presence of a loved one, or isolated from friends and family or have a changed circumstance. May the real light of Christmas bring them tidings of joy. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those members of our community that serve as our own shepherds and wise men. We give thanks to those that guide and nourish us and those that inspire and teach us. (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 all those who have died recently **Joy Smith, Anthony Herron, Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls, Michael Donnelly, Seamus Manley, Phil Walsh, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston, Nora McGrogan, Monsignor Vaughan Morgan and Father David Keniry** and during the last year. We also remember 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 the sick of our own Parish, **Father Joseph, Angela Keating, Benjamin 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, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan, Noreen O'Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy** 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: Jesus, today we give forever thanks for your joyful coming. Let us retain the peace and love you bring us at Christmas throughout the coming year. Amen