

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION –4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024

PRIEST: Lord God, you call us to follow you and you care for us at each step of our journey, even when the going is tough. We bring our prayers before you, knowing that you love us more than we can possibly imagine.

READER: We remember Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May they be good shepherds of their flocks and bring people closer to God and to each other.

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

READER: On this the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that the Lord may raise up many vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and to consecrated life, especially from our own Parish community.

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

READER: We remember families, especially those who are struggling. May they find solutions to their difficulties and may they grow in love for each other.

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

READER: We remember all those who are involved in the caring professions and emergency services. May they be blessed for the generous dedication and compassion which they show to the people for whom they care. (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: Gwendolyn Barton, Pat Butler, Alan Watts, Pauline Waters, Teresa Jukes, Stephen John McGrath, Father Christopher Greaney, Margaret Freeman, Emma Wilson, Josie Concannon, Margrett Cheung, Adrian Paul Flynn, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, Maria Ann Sharples, Gretchen Dean, Joan Doyle, Pauline Waters and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Bishop Leo McCartie, Manuel De Freitas, Teresa Ford, Vincent Buckley, Louis Reeves, Lilian Mary Power, Hugh McTernan, Christine Lawton, Professor Kenneth Walter Walton, Eileen Ellen Allcock, William (Bill) Kevin Byrne, Mary Agnes Elliott, Margaret Winifred Isaacs, John Kelly, Anatol Power, Annie Slattery. (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 William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Father Fred Sheldon, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, Don Deneny, Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Briega Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Paulina Samathar, Eric Priest, John Donohoe, Angela Hyland 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:

Lord God, be with us. Stay with us and bring us safely home to you. Amen.