

**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, we have just celebrated Christmas, when your Word was born in our midst as a human baby. Today, we thank you for speaking in our language and to the people of our times. We bring you ourselves and all the needs of our beautiful but often suffering world.

**READER:** We remember Pope Francis and all religious leaders who proclaim God's message of hope to our world. May the Word of God inspire them in their leadership and encourage many people to follow their example.

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

**READER:** We remember teachers and catechists as they work to bring the Word of God into the lives of the people they meet. Watch over, bless and protect them, especially those who risk their lives to carry the Gospel to the people they serve. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We have been called to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. As we renew our commitment to this calling, may love to strengthen our unity as Christians. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We remember rough sleepers and all those who, for whatever reason, have no home. May the Word of God help them to find compassion and the support that they need to overcome their difficulties. (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: Mary Ryan, Maria Gomes Rodrigues, Ellen Teresa Farrelly, David McAdams, Jane Smith, Joseph (Joe) Naughton, Father Paul Lomas, Margaret Byrne, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Dorothy Plomer-Roberts, Jose Belson, Mary Josephine Foy, Philip Brian Matthews, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Putil, Mary Maria Curry, Thomas Anthony Oliver, Margaret Bourke, Roland (Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, Margaret Johnston Kirkpatrick Gillot (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, William Moran, Jim Reidy, 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, Don Deneny, Joan Gibson, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Thelma Cole, Helen Brookes, Eileen Doyle, Josie Concannon, Anthony O'Neill, Cornelius Callanan 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:** Word of God, living and true, touch our hearts and lives and set us on fire with love for you and each other. Amen

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