

Intercessions – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th/25th October 2020 – Year A

Priest: God of love, Jesus called us to put you before everything and to love our neighbour as ourselves. We offer you our hearts and our prayers for ourselves and all those in need.

Reader: To the prayer ... **We pray to the Lord...** Our Response is: **Lord, hear us!**

We pray for our parish: for married couples and all in loving, stable relationships; fill them with your spirit of patience and faithfulness. Bless those who are single: may they know the dignity of their calling. We pray for our young people, who are blossoming into adulthood; fill them with your peace. We ask you to bless our children and make them gentle, joyful and loving.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

Let us pray that Pope Francis and all religious leaders will bring hope to a world which has been turned upside down and traumatised by the effects of the global pandemic. May their inspiration give us courage and strength.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

Let us pray that politicians and everyone involved in local and national governance will exercise wisdom, understanding and thoughtfulness in order to bring about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

Let us pray that as we try to control the spread of coronavirus through the means available to us we will protect the vulnerable, care for the sick and have compassion on those experiencing the frustrations of lockdown.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

Let us pray that families struggling to cope with difficulties which seem to have no straightforward answers will find the peace and practical solutions they need.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

Let us pray that everyone who has experienced job insecurity as a result of the coronavirus will discover peace of mind and find hope amid their uncertainty.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

We pray for people suffering from illness, including coronavirus, in body or mind, especially: James McKeown, Barbara Hobbs, John McGonigle, Scott Saunders, Emilka Styczynska, Joan Clark, Catherine McLaughlin, Sheila Goodger, Jeannie Sherriffs, Richard Brownlee, Monika Modena, Grace & John Robinson, Brandon Lavendar, Anne Smith, Mark Lynch and Anna Conetta.

PAUSE

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear us!**

We remember those who have gone before us and especially for Jerome Paluku Masiki, Fr Euloge's Father, who died on Friday. We also pray for: Maria Alfano, James Marshall, Peter Checketts, Donald O'Brien, Ron Jennings, Patricia Brusher, Lucia Pilla, Stephen Monaghan, Phyllis Brennan and Anna Lanni. And for Mimi Godi and Bob Standing who both died last week.

PAUSE

Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord...**Let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace**

We pray with Mary, the humble servant of the Lord: **Hail Mary...**

Silently we pray for our own intentions, those contained in our Parish Book of Intercessions and those of the Parish of **The Holy Family, Welwyn Garden City.**

Reader: We pray together our Parish Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as the world copes with coronavirus, help us to remember that you are always with us. Grant wisdom to decision makers and bless all health workers. Bring healing to the sick; give peace to the anxious and comfort those who are sad. Stir us to show your love and mercy, most especially to the poor and weak. This we ask in your name. Amen.