

**Intercessions – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Year B**

**Priest:** Loving Lord, you appeared to your frightened, grieving disciples with a greeting of peace. Confident of your love, we come to you with our prayers, our hopes and our dreams.

**Reader:** To the prayer ... **Lord hear us...** Our Response is: **Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for Pope Francis as he challenges our world to remember *“the least, the last and the lost”*. May his words be heard by people who can follow his example in caring for those whom society overlooks or rejects.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for the Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn the death of Prince Philip. May the joy of the resurrection comfort and support them at this time. May the Duke of Edinburgh be enjoying the fullness of eternal life.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for people whose businesses are starting to reopen after the lockdown. May they and their customers stay safe and find hope in their renewed freedom.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for decision-makers who must lead the way as the country emerges from lockdown. May their assessments and guidance be governed by wisdom and compassion.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for families who are reuniting after months of separation. May their togetherness fill them with happiness and peace.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

We pray for the sick especially: James McKeown, Emilka Styczynska, Catherine McLaughlin, Grace & John Robinson, Brandon Lavendar, Mark Lynch, Jan Skowron, Estelle McPhail, Bill Angus, Margaret Arthur, Bill Cordeaux, Les & Joan Gentle, Delores & Alan Graham, Wanda Dec, baby Rayne Nutley, Rachel and Joe Chico, Adolfo Lanni, Lesley Augustus, Geraldine Hogan, Ciara Hogan, Constance Ahluwalia, Kay Easter, Keith Drew, Simona Kuhl, Rick & a teenage parishioner very unwell.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us...**Lord graciously hear us!**

Remember those who have gone before us, especially: Francesca Maurello, Victoria Beben, Carmela Canella, Bernard Mallett, Enid Middleton, Paul Bogeja, Alice Campbell, Ciro Nieli, Doreen Levitt, Margaret Sawyer and Marion Cook. We also pray for Joe Fox-Topps who died this 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 **St Joseph & The English Martyrs, Bishop's Stortford.**

**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.