

**Intercessions – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Year B**

**PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE MC HAS BROUGHT THE BOOK OF INTERCESSIONS TO THE ALTAR**

**Priest:** Loving Lord, we want to make our home in you. Help us connect to you as we bring our thoughts, aspirations, and prayers to you.

**Reader:** To the prayer...Lord, in your Mercy...Our Response is: **Hear our Prayer!**

We pray for Pope Francis, and he reiterates his urgent plea for bold action for our common home and for world peace.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

We welcome into the Family of the Parish, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Isabella McDonald-Payne**; we pray for her Family as they continue this important time in their lives – the life of Faith.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

As the war in Ukraine against Russia entered its third year, we pray for all those that have died, are currently displaced and all those bereaved.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

We pray for the three million children in Haiti who are in need of humanitarian assistance as continuing gang violence hampers aid delivery.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

As NHS waiting lists continue to rise, we pause to pray for all those that are awaiting treatment and dealing with the daily struggle of pain and worry. May the Holy Spirit soothe and comfort them.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

We pray for the Christchurch retreat taking place over this weekend with members spending time reflecting and praying together about 'Being Church' - and having fun!

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

We pray for all those going through illness, pain and discomfort. May they have hope and reassurance for better days ahead. We pray especially for Joseph Osborne and Betty Crawford.

**PAUSE**

Lord, in your Mercy...**Hear our Prayer!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week. We also pray for Christine Sweeny who died this week and whose funeral is on Friday.

**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 Transfiguration of Our Lord, Old Town, Stevenage.**

**Reader:** Prayer for those seeking sanctuary: Lord Jesus, we pray for those members of God's family who come here to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Let them not meet with fear, doubt or suspicion from the local population. May those seeking sanctuary in our country receive a warm and generous welcome as they settle-in and commence their new life. Joyfully, we welcome the many gifts they bring to us. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen