

Intercessions – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 20th/21st April 2024 – Year B

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

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

PAUSE

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

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

We welcome into the Family of the Parish, through Baptism, **Benedict Jitto Chittapilli**; we pray for his family as they continue this important time in their lives – the life of Faith.

PAUSE

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

We remember world governments, especially those which are torn apart by conflicting ideals and a lack of care for human rights. May they respect the dignity, values and needs of the people they are called to serve. We keep in our prayers particularly the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.

PAUSE

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

We ask that all those who are involved in the caring professions and emergency services, may be blessed for their generous dedication and compassion shown to the people for whom they care.

PAUSE

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

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 Janette Duffy.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week who are listed in our newsletter. We also pray for Vera Adamson, Grace McDonald, for Fr John Michael Warnaby and Fr David John Williamson who died recently.

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, Bedwell, 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

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