

Intercessions – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 4th/5th May 2024 – Year B

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

Priest: Lord of All, we long for your kingdom. In our prayers today, we ask you to reveal how we, individually and as a community, can strive for peace and justice, and do your work on earth.

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

As the global movement of migrants and asylum seekers continues, with stories of lives lost and families torn apart, we hold in our prayers all those who are hoping to build a new life in a new country. We pray too, for all those facing the possibility of deportation to Rwanda, asking the Holy Spirit to comfort and reassure them at this uncertain time.

PAUSE

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

We echo Pope Francis' recent prayer for those who are caught up in conflict, war and civil unrest – in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar. We ask God to pour healing grace into these troubled places, and restore lasting peace.

PAUSE

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

We pray for those in our communities who are facing hardship or distress; for those who are isolated, bitter or angry. We ask for compassion, wisdom, and guidance for what we can do to alleviate suffering and shine the light God's love into troubled lives.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all those going through illness, pain and discomfort. We pray particularly for Margaret and Sasha and Fiachra McKeown. May they have hope and reassurance for better days ahead.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week. We also pray for Grace McDonald whose funeral is on Wednesday.

PAUSE

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

Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord...**Let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace**
We raise our prayer with Mary, mother of Jesus, asking for her protection and intercession for Our Lady School. ... **Hail, Mary etc**

Silently we pray for our own intentions, those contained in our Parish Book of Intercessions and those of the Parish of **St Hilda, Shephall, 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