Intercessions for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 05/06 September 2026

Priest: Loving Lord, today we are reminded where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are amongst us. As we gather here, as a church community, we give thanks for your presence today. Hear the prayers we bring before you...

Reader: To the prayer: Let us pray to the Lord, our response is: **Lord hear us!**

We pray for Pope Leo, as he provides us with his prayer intention for September: 'For the care of water'. Help us, this month and beyond, to treasure the gift of water and pray for those in the world who live without its life-giving properties.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

This week, as we celebrate The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that we might draw ever closer to the Mother of God. Help us to witness her dedication and trust in God, and thereby recognise and improve our own.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We continue to remember and pray for all the victims and their families of the floods and landslides in Nepal and Tibet. Although hope for survivors is fading fast, may the rescue services be blessed with good fortune in finding anyone else still alive after this terrible disaster and especially those still trapped in the hydro-electric tunnels.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

Two weeks ago we beseeched the Lord to break the drought and send us some much-needed rain. Today we give thanks for having answered our prayers and for providing us with life-giving water, without which all land-based life on earth would cease to exist.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

The following are due to be baptised this coming week, Eloise Coleman, Florence Fyfe, Christina Chittilapilly and Malone Hedley. May they be blessed by the Holy Spirit as we welcome them all into our parish family, now and for evermore.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

With most pupils returning to school this week, let us pray for all teachers together with their ancillary staff that they be guided and assisted by the Holy Spirit in the vital work they do for our children.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for those who are sick in mind or body, recovering from illness or living with either pain or disability. Taking comfort from the Holy Spirit, may they find hope and reassurance for better days ahead.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and for those who have their anniversaries this week.
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 Holy Trinity & St Augustine of Canterbury, in Baldock.**

Let us together say our Parish Prayer for Peace:

Lord, send us the gift of peace. Change the hearts of those who choose violence and wage war. Turn them away from persecution and lead them towards peace. Transform hatred into understanding, anger into compassion, and fear into hope. Through your love, heal what is broken. Fill us with your Spirit, so that with one voice, we may cry out together, throughout the world: Lord, send us the gift of peace. Amen.

Priest: Loving Lord, help us to build strong connections and relationships. Help us to live and love fully. So that where we invest our love, we invest our life. Amen.