Intercessions for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 13 September 2026

Priest: We know that God loves each one of us more than we can possibly imagine, so we confidently offer our prayers for our own needs and for those of our beautiful but troubled world.

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

We pray for Pope Leo and for all religious leaders as they challenge humanity to rediscover mercy and forgiveness. May we imitate Jesus, who forgave us our faults and failings, even while suffering and dying upon the Cross.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray that the latest peace talks between Russia and Ukraine yield an end to the war. And also that the two nations will find a just and long-lasting solution to what has now been more than four years of fighting with enormous loss of life on both sides.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us the art of forgiveness, however hard it may be to do so at the time. Let us pray that we too might learn to forgive those whom we consider to have wronged us whilst also being gracious to those who forgive us our own faults and failings.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

Today being Education Sunday, let us pray for all our local schools and particularly for Our Lady's Primary School. We pray for all its staff, governors, pupils and parents, but especially for those children joining the school for the first time. Should any of them be nervous or anxious, we pray that they might be comforted and guided by the Holy Spirit whilst finding joy in new friends, discoveries and experiences.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for the recent marriage between Lewis and Sinéad Hedley. May their union be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit and may their life together be long, happy and fruitful.
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 St. Thomas Moore, Knebworth.**

Let us together say our Parish Prayer for Peace: **Lord, send us the gift of peace…..**

Priest: Lord of joy and hope, be with us and remain with us. Teach us to find you in each other and the wider world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.