

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYERS 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 16.12.18

Priest : The Mass today is one of joy because we know that Christ is coming. Let us now express this joy of knowing that Christ is with us by thanking him for all his gifts.

Reader : Father, we thank you for loving us and sending your son to share our life. Our hope is that where He has gone, we too can follow. *Lord, hear us*

Reader ; We pray with thanksgiving for your word, which guides and encourages us from day to day. *Lord hear us*

Reader : Lord God, we pray with gratitude for Holy Church, a source of help and strength; for the example of others; and for the whole human family. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader : We pray for all who are suffering in the Yemen as a result of the conflict there. We pray for an end to hostility and an urgent response to meet the needs of the many people there. *Lord, hear us*

Reader : We pray for the sick. We pray for those who are unable to be with us at Mass today because of illness or frailty of age. We pray too for Leyton Cook, Kath Dempsey, Ann Donkin, Debra Potter, Jane, Gillian Gardner, Jim Howell, Margaret Potts, George Bell, Malcolm Winter, Margaret Collins, Beverley Smith, Joan Stanness, Hannah Elizabeth Finnegan, Doris Foster, Margaret Metcalf, Jake Knightly, Hannah Fraser, Fred Laing, George Skelton, Edith Old, Denise Liddle, Paul Leng, Doreen Banks, Eddie Hardy, Robert Wilson, Dean Jefferson, George Hamilton, Tony Bunand, James Fitzsimmons, Fr Tony Hart, Julie Cameron-Heaton, Ian Marshall, Alice Murray, George Smart, Bishop Jack Iker, Claire, Ivy Thurlbeck, Fr Bill Lucas, Robert Symonds *Lord, hear us*

Reader : We pray for all the recently bereaved and for those who mourn anniversaries. *Lord, hear us.*

Reader : We pray that all who have died; for: Colin Dawson, Christine Green, Christopher Pace, Douglas Weir, Paul Marsh, Rodney Marshall (Pr) and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **(16th)** Jane Carr; **(17th)** John Lowrie, Margaret Harvey, Joseph Cessford, George Adamson, Steven Hazard; **(18th)** Mrs Charlton, George Scoble, Thomas Prior, Stan Peel, James Beresford Conlin, Rose Anne McNally; **(19th)** Sarah Atkinson; **(20th)** George Armstrong, Sidney William Davies; **(21st)** Sarah Elizabeth McQuillan, Sarah Ann Thompson; **(22nd)** Thomas Morgan, Ronald Kim *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord...*

Reader : Our Lady was deeply grateful to God for the gift of her Son. We may share her joy as we say *Hail Mary....*

Reader : In silence let us thank God for his special gifts to each of us.

Priest : Almighty God and Father, we are often unfaithful to you and yet you always love us. We thank you and pray that we may learn to appreciate and be grateful for all your gifts. We ask this of you through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.