

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYERS 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 02.12.18

Priest : God reveals himself in Jesus to those who look and wait for him. Let us pray that during this season of advent we will prepare for the coming festival of Christmas by prayerful faith

Reader : Father, we look forward to a new coming of Jesus into our hearts. Help us to listen attentively to his word and to receive him greater faith. We pray that we may bring the joy of our faith to others. *Lord, hear us*

Reader ; We pray that you will show us where we fail, and show us how we should change so as to be more like Jesus. *Lord hear us*

Reader : Lord God, we pray for those who cannot pray and we pray that we may learn to listen to you and to listen to those around us. *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 so many people, especially children, caught up in the warfare 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, Fr Rodney Marshall *Lord, hear us*

Reader : We pray for the families of those who have died, that they may have faith and hope in the resurrection. 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: Joyce Dale, Michael Doyle, Colin Dawson, Christine Green, Christopher Pace, Douglas Weir and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **(2nd)** Alexander Swap, Percival Cowperthwaite, John Fleury, Billy Hardy; **(3rd)** Thomas Hepple, Sandra Gillian Morgan-Santos La; **(5th)** John Liddle; **(6th)** Ethel Hetherington, Robert Thompson; **(7th)** Prudence Corkin, Jane Nanson, Gladys Cadas, Stan Potts, Winifred Dixon Jobling; **(8th)** Herbert Oates, Ethel Mather, Stewart Conlin
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord...

Reader : Let us make our prayers with Mary, who waited for the coming of Jesus with joy and love as we say *Hail Mary....*

Reader : Let us pray silently.

Priest : Almighty God and Father, increase our faith, hope and love as we await the coming of your Son. We ask this of you through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.