

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYERS PALM SUNDAY OF LENT 14.04.19

Priest : The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Let us pray that we may not be put to the test and pray that the Father's will be done as Jesus did.

Reader : Father, we pray for all Christian churches, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union under Christ. May Our Lady of Sorrows bring us together at the Cross **Lord, hear us**

Reader ; We pray for those who witness to their faith in an alien world; for all Christians living under anti-Christian authorities and all who must live their faith in secret for fear of persecution and death.

Lord hear us

Reader : We pray that, together with all Christians, we may enter this Holy Week and come through it with faith renewed and with resurrection Joy.

Lord hear us.

Reader : On this day we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem and for the safety of all Christians gathering there this week. We pray for those who still make Jerusalem a battle-ground. We pray for all who stir up crowds to hatred .

Lord hear us.

Reader : We pray for all in positions of rule and authority in our world that they speak and act with integrity. We pray for all living in poverty and without the basic necessities of life. We pray for the homeless, especially those in our city.

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, 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 Hetherington, Thomas Old, David Arkley.

Lord, hear us

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

Reader : We pray for Matthew Newton, James Weldon
We pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **(14th)** John Carroll, Thomas Bains; **(17th)** Elizabeth Gallagher; **(18th)** Suzanne Stephenson, Ada Wright, Mary Hannah Cunningham; **(19th)** William Ernest Rowell, Elaine Massingham, Arnold Kim; **(20th)** Laura Wallace **Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord...**

Reader : Mary was promised that a sword would pierce her heart. We may ask her to pray compassionately with us as we say

Hail Mary....

Reader: It is in silence that the word may be most clearly heard. So now let us listen to the father in our hearts

Priest : Almighty God and Father, we are willing servants, but are often slow to walk with your son. We know that there is no easy path to happiness, and we pray for the perseverance and strength to drink the cup of suffering, which we are to share with your son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever.