

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

PALM SUNDAY

**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 all who have asked for our prayers; for the sick at home and in Hospital. We pray for those who are unable to be with us at Mass today because of illness or frailty of age. We pray for all whom we carry in our hearts. We pray for those who are near to death.

**Lord, hear us**

**Reader** : We pray for those who have recently been bereaved and for those who remember anniversaries of their loved ones in this week

**Lord, hear us**

**Reader** : We pray for all who have died recently, especially Maureen Carson, Catherine (Kitty) Turner, Victor Bates, Thomas Wallace. We pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **(14<sup>th</sup>)** Stan Jennings; **(15<sup>th</sup>)** Hilda Rump, Catherine Taylor, Edward Brown; **(16<sup>th</sup>)** Edwin Austin Graydon, Ada Mary Farrer, Barbara Edwards, Ronald Shanks; **(17<sup>th</sup>)** Isabella Wharton, John Lewins Margaret Pratt, Ellen Ridler; **(18<sup>th</sup>)** William Frederick Cross, Alice Tindall, Margaret McCulley, Anthony Driver (Priest); **(19<sup>th</sup>)** Frank Abernethy. Mark Cumming (Priest), Nancy Marr; **(20<sup>th</sup>)** Richard Hall, Stephen Jenkins, Alex Deary, Richard Wandless, George English.

**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.