

## Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

**Thought for the week  
14th Sunday of the Year  
4th July, 2021**

Spirit of God,  
descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me and  
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,  
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.  
Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace  
in all I say and do  
and invite others into relationship with you.

Amen

Mark 6: 1-6

The people of Nazareth were “astonished”. *“Where did the man get all this” “This is the carpenter, surely, son of Mary...”* Their questions were leading them to explore the greatest question and mystery of life: who was Jesus of Nazareth?

CS Lewis gives this simple answer: “A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic, on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg, or else he would be the Devil from Hell. You must make your choice, either this man was, and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.”

We need the Holy Spirit to help us take hold of the mystery that God entered human time and space

If we accept that Jesus of Nazareth is God, how can we respond to his call to be missionary disciples? How are we to unfold God’s plan for our Church?

As we break free from the restraints of Covid, Bishop Bernard spells out the vision statement of our diocese:

Our Vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour

Pray and ask God as to how we are going to respond.



## Prayers Please

Please pray for Jack Edwards

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye. She has now had the radiation therapy.

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid and has entered a rehabilitation centre where he is being helped to learn to walk and feed himself again.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for children under stress.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



**Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Marie van Bree-Anschutz, Patrick Cottrell, Bernard Fornara, Richard Frankton, Bob Gaffney, Lou Levy, Mark San, Jean Coleman, Francis Joanes, Margaret, Audrey Monument, W.Smyth, Maggie Carroll, Chris Tynan, Michael Werkalee, Victims of the London Terrorist Bombings, Bernard Brown, Helen Coyle, Jerry Ferris, Jack Coyle, Andrzej H Jakubiszyn, Michael and Julia Keogh, Fritz Mork,