

Prayers for peace

Dear Lord,

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world
Your everlasting peace.

Amen.

Dear Lord, look with kindness on our broken world
in which there is so much conflict.

May God, our Merciful Father,
give wisdom to those who are trying to sustain, protect and
build peace through negotiation and diplomacy,

Amen.

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Thought for the week

11th June, 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

In today's Gospel we hear the Jews asking the question, "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" Many of Jesus' followers left him because they found the teaching unacceptable. Jesus did not try to stop them by telling them that they had misunderstood him and that he did not mean he would literally give them his flesh to eat. From this we must infer that Jesus meant what he said, that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink.

Jesus first gave his flesh and blood to the apostles at the last supper after blessing the bread and wine and saying, "Take, this is my body. This is my blood." We celebrate this event, the Institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. But it is soon overshadowed by the events that are to follow: the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.



Today's feast provides the opportunity for the Church to not only commemorate the institution of the Eucharist but to give thanks to Jesus, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Namely, the real presence of Jesus: body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

Familiarity can make us complacent and creatures of habit. This feast encourages us to consider afresh what it is we receive when we take the consecrated host into our mouth or hands; whether we are appropriately prepared and approach with due reverence. Yet we should remember that receiving the Eucharist isn't a reward for being good or holy. It is the food that sustains us and heals us in our brokenness, our temptations, our failings as we journey through life. It is a pure gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn it. All we can do is receive with humility, give thanks and ask ourselves,

"What fruit will I bear as a consequence of receiving this precious gift?"

Deacon Brian



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan had a bone marrow transplant on June 1st so he continues to need our prayers.

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

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

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



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

Seta Goode, Mrs A King, Bridget Mc Donnell, Stanley Smith, Ena Wilson, Elizabeth Allison, Janine Corie, Ron Theobald, Brian Bird, Michael and Julia Keogh, Lily Weegan, Marcelle Edwards, Bridie Burke, Mary Cunningham, Bridie Burke, Derek Graham, Christine Coyle.