

**Thought for the week  
33rd Sunday of the Year  
14th November, 2021**

Loving God,  
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
you created us in your own image and  
made us stewards of creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation  
Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures  
and to all future generations,  
and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and resources  
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk  
of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation  
into hope and fraternity  
so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity  
in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes  
that are needed in search of the common good.  
Now more than ever may we feel  
that we are all interconnected and interdependent.  
Enable us to listen and respond  
to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs  
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
we make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

This month, from All Soul's day on, we remember family and friends who have gone before us. Many in our community and across the world will be praying for loved ones whose lives were cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic. We also remember in our prayers this month those in the armed forces who lost their lives in the First and second world wars, and subsequent conflicts.

The effects of war are widespread and long-lasting. Survivors often have to deal with physical and mental disability and illness for years after leaving the area of conflict, and need much support from partners, family friends, the NHS and specialist charities.

Recent news of the millions facing starvation in Afghanistan is a reminder of the terrible aftermath of conflict on the civilian population. Pope Francis has urged us to respond generously in our prayers and by fasting.

As well as looking back, we should look forward to how we lay the foundations for a fairer, just society, free from war and famine. We pray for God's guidance of our leaders to help them steer us there.

Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence before  
the Son of Man

Alleluia!

Jim and Maggie



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

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Carmel Barker

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye.

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.

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 9 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for the children and teachers of the Parish

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;  
Eunice Dover, Tess Lynch, Maureen Norris,  
Nickey Harris, Henry New, Nellie Barke,  
Frank Lawless, W.G. Williams, Theresa Hamilton.**