

## Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

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

## Thought for the week 30th Sunday of the Year 24th October, 2021

There is more to being blind than simply the inability to see with your eyes. We can be blind to many things: other people's HUNGER, LONELINESS, FEARS, NEEDS, PROBLEMS and just to the world and people around us.

In today's gospel Bartimaeus was blind and also a beggar. Astonishingly, he showed blind faith in calling out to Jesus because he instinctively knew that here was the Man who could make everything better for him. Unknown to him the Holy Spirit had inspired him. He saw even though he could not see.

The old adage of "*none so blind as they who cannot see*" should remind us that we must take care not to be selectively blind to the world and those around us.

Do we walk past a beggar in the street because we suspect them of not being true?

Do we look at people who have no jobs or homes and think they should help themselves and not expect us to support them? It is easy to see a sad advert and reach for our money to donate but could we do more? Do we judge too easily? Do we hope others will do it for us?

Let us all this week ask Our Blessed Lord to heal us of any blindness and show us what He wishes us to do or be so we can be more like Him.

*"Dear Lord, Heal us of our sins and failures and help us to put others before ourselves and live our lives as You want us to- in Your image and likeness. Amen"*

A Parishioner



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

Please pray for Carmel Barker who is back in hospital

Please pray for Mary Haggard

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 8 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;**

**Marnie Cotter, Pam Kizer, Janet (Jane) Jones, Angela May, Dolley Coffey, John Conlon, James Enright, Ursula Margaret Van Well, Brian Dougan, George Hajdu (senior), Danny Jenkins, Kevin Geherty, Oliver Keogh, Theresa O'Shea, Monsignor Michael Hoban, Frederica Mary King, Christine Thompson.**