

## 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 26th Sunday of the Year 26th September, 2021

Today is the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian.

The names are familiar because they are mentioned in part of one of the Eucharistic prayers. They were twin brothers who came from a Christian family and lived in Cilicia (now southern Turkey) in the third century. They practised medicine and provided their services free to the community as part of their Christian life of Charity.

The local community responded by holding them in high regard. As is often the case, the most popular and esteemed members of society are the first to be arrested during a persecution and so it was with these brothers. They were put to death for steadfastly adhering to their Christian principles.

The Mass for their Feastday is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy this year. The willingness of these men to live out their Christian faith in their daily dealings with their neighbours is the exact opposite of the rich man described in the second reading.

Their unwillingness to surrender their faith in the face of death inspired many to turn to Christianity in the centuries following their death.

Let us pray that we are not called to make that ultimate sacrifice, but may continue to show daily the Christian principles by which we live to our neighbours.

A Parishioner



## Prayers Please

Please pray June Black who is in hospital

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Jack Edwards

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 children and the new school term.

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;**

Harold Clifford, Mingul Antao, Daniel Jenkins, Peggy and Tony Brennan, Stephen Boyle, Helen Fox, Andrew Gray, Mike and May Quinn, Andrew Selwood, Eric Gillet, Margaret Morgan.