

Thought for the week

9th July 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

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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This week we have our young parishioners being confirmed, following a period of focused guidance and reflection of what this means in their journey of developing and practising their faith.

This is a journey we all continue on, whether aged 10/11 or closer to 100. I hope our young parishioners can take comfort in the fact that they journey along with a global family of varied ages, who all continue to receive guidance in growing and understanding their faith.

And I do not think this growing can ever be ‘done’- we have friends, family and various communities walking alongside us and daily and/weekly masses guiding us. Should this life time journey feel overwhelming, the gospel assures us that all we need to do is be in God’s presence and there we will find help and rest.

So let us continue to pray for our children being confirmed, and for each other as we too continue on this journey of faith. That we may help each other along, encourage one another and celebrate this journey we are on.

We are fortunate in our parish that we do not need to travel far to meet people from various parts of the world - I am sure all areas are represented (except maybe Iceland and Greenland, but I hope to be proved wrong).

We will indeed be celebrating our global family of faith at our next 10:30 Mass—A Multicultural Mass on Sunday 16th July- all of us - different, but essentially the same. Please join us as we glorify and bless His name forever.

Yvonne Mubanga.



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, 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;

Jack Coyle, Mary Josephine Goodrich,
Andrzej H. Jakubiszyn, Michael and Julia Keogh,
Fritz Mork, Martin Dougan, Alf Wade,
Christopher Wade, Charley and Mary Ann Smith,
Brian Stratmore Cleary, John Allison, Frank Johnson,
Jimmy O'Shea, Nan Oattes, Marjorie Wickens,
Marsh Kirby, Claire Ryan.