

Prayers of the Faithful – 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, open our eyes and our hearts to experience Your love:

- We pray for the church – may the freedom brought by the resurrection enable us to live with purpose, helping others forsake the fruitless pursuits of power, fame, and wealth so they may seek and find God and His salvation.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for a deepening of our love and hunger for the Word of God – may our hearts be set on fire by the Lord like the disciples on the road to Emmaus and through reading and praying the scriptures, may we draw closer to Him.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for all those who seek the vocation to which you are calling them especially to the Priesthood and Religious life - may they find in you and those around them, the guidance and courage they need to answer your call.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for peace across the world and for all who are displaced, injured and traumatised as a result of conflict and violence – may our Lord bring them hope, healing and a safe place of welcome.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for all our sick, especially:-

Theresa Mooney, John Dobbin, Anne McClure, Jean McCapra, Faith Lindsay, Wendy Leonard, Kitty Finlay, Rosina Boyle, Bridie Freeland and John Freeland.

May the risen Lord bring newness of life to them and give them hope, strength, and healing

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for our beloved dead and all who have gone before us, especially:- David McKendrick who died recently.

We also remember the anniversaries of Pope Francis; Michael Fitzpatrick; Anne Marie McNulty and Patrick Murphy the occur at this time.

May they rejoice in the mercy of God and the triumph of Easter.

Lord in your mercy

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

May we encounter Your Divine Son in all areas of our lives.

Help us to recognise Him in everyone we encounter.

We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.