

Prayers of the Faithful – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A

Celebrant: As a community of faith and with hope in our hearts, we pray:

- We pray for Pope Leo and our Bishops – may our leaders in faith reveal to all nations that Christ is the way, truth and life and may they inspire joy in the gospel message as we journey along the way to Christ Jesus.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for all newly initiated members of the Church – may the Holy Spirit reveal God's love and mercy to all the newly baptised and strengthen and grow their faith as they walk with Christ each day.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for all who are searching for a deeper meaning in life – may they seek Christ who is the way even when they are discouraged or lost and may all our souls be refreshed along the way to Christ.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for peace amidst our world scourged by war, injustice and chaos - may Christ become our hope for reconciliation and healing and may He ease the pain of violence and bring lasting justice for all.

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 Holy Spirit ease their suffering and bring them healing and peace.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for our beloved dead and all who have gone before us, especially:-  
Jessie Boyle; Kathleen Lyons; Eileen MacDonald; Catherine Philips whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May the Risen Christ guide them to their eternal reward.

Lord in your mercy

Celebrant: Father in Heaven,

As we walk on this pilgrimage of faith, send Your Spirit to guide us towards home.

May the gifts of the Spirit enable us to live as You have asked.

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