

Prayers of the Faithful – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Celebrant: With Faith and hope, we turn to the Merciful Father in prayer:

- We pray for the Church – may God help us to take up the yoke of Christ and follow him in speaking the truth lovingly, offering forgiveness to those who wrong us and praying for our enemies.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for the grace to surrender control - may we let Jesus ease our burdens and journey side by side with us through every event of our lives in the sure knowledge he will never leave us.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for all who do not believe in God or who have grown lukewarm in their faith – may the Spirit lead them into an encounter with the living God and open their hearts to the One who loves them without limit.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for parents, teachers and all who hand on the faith to the next generation that they may be faithful witnesses to Christ and help our young people grow in wisdom, faith, and holiness.

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, Bridie Freeland, John Freeland and Anne Swan.

May the Holy Spirit ease their suffering and bring them peace.

Lord in your mercy

- We pray for our beloved dead and all who have gone before us, remembering:-  
Giuseppe Molinaro and Joe McAuley whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in God's embrace for all eternity.

Lord in your mercy

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

In the name of Your only son, we unburden our hearts and offer our petitions to You.  
Trusting in the promise made in the Gospel, we ask that You hear and answer them  
As we make them through Christ our Lord. Amen.