The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 15 October 2023

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Founded 1886

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



Father, hear the prayer we offer: Not for ease that prayer shall be, But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously.

- 2 Not for ever in green pasturesDo we ask our way to be;But the steep and rugged pathwayMay we tread rejoicingly.
- 3 Not for ever by still waters
 Would we idly rest and stay;
 But would smite the living fountains
 From the rocks along our way.
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness, In our wanderings be our guide; Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Maria Willis 1824-1908 Psalm 130.3, 4

Entrance Antiphon

The choir sings

O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel.

Invocation and Greeting

✤ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

SUSSEX

Penitential Act

Harold Darke 1888-1976 in F

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Dear friends, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

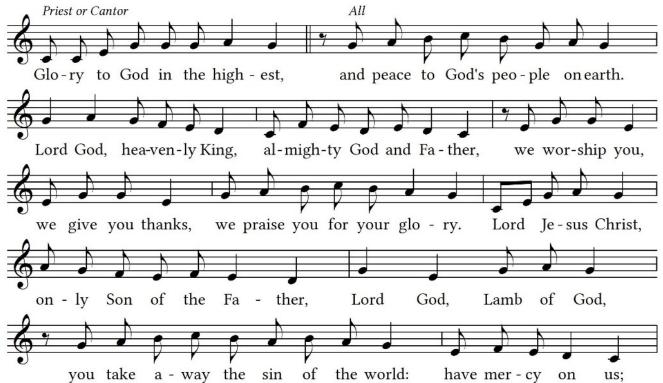
Silence. Then all say

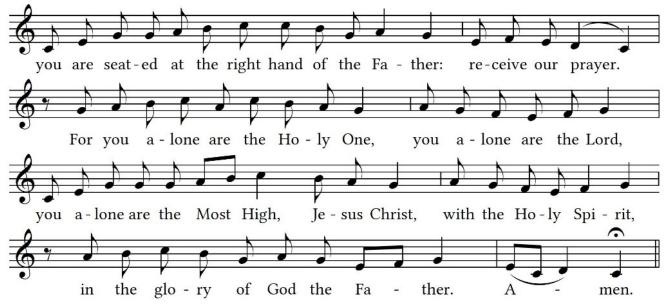
Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon ♥ you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise





Collect

Let us pray.

Saving and healing God,

you have promised

that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:

grant us grace to be continually thankful

for all you have done for us,

and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others,

so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 32.1-14

A reading from the first book of Exodus.

When the people of Israel saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mould, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiffnecked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.' " And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23

- 1 Alleluia! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshipped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Chant, Thomas Jackson 1715-81

Philippians 4.1-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

Matthew 22.1-14

John 1.12, 14

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon

Esther 14.12, 13

The choir sings

Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority; put the right words on my lips, so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.

All stand to sing the chant, during which a Collection will be taken up.



Carl P. Daw b.1944

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

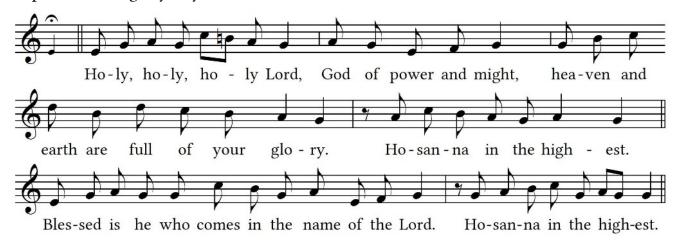
You sent him from heaven to take our flesh: born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, he was revealed as your Son. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might break the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:



Holy and gracious God, accept our sacrifice of praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat: this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

In remembrance of his death and resurrection, with this bread and this cup, we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

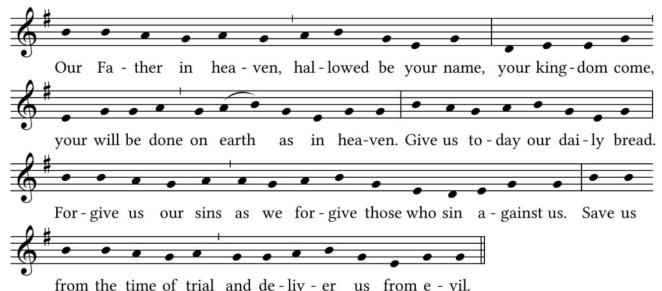
Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church: gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries, filling them with your Spirit and confirming them in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

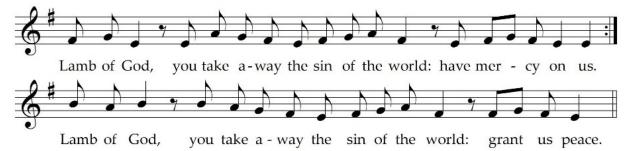
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

During Communion, the choir sings

Communion Antiphon

The choir sings

Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Faithful God,
in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you
May we who have shared in holy things
always bear witness to your covenant,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Ps 119.22

St Alphonsus Liguori

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.





Spirit divine, attend our prayer, And make this house your home; Descend with all your gracious pow'r; O come, great Spirit, come!

- 2 Come as the light; to us reveal
 Our emptiness and woe,
 And lead us in those paths of life
 Where all the righteous go.
- 3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sacrificial flame;
 Let our whole soul an off'ring be To our Redeemer's name.
- 4 Come as the dove, and spread your wings, The wings of peaceful love;
 And let your Church on earth become Blest as the Church above.
- 5 Spirit divine, attend our prayer; Make a lost world your home; Descend with all your gracious pow'r; O come, great Spirit, come!

Andrew Reed 1787-1862

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, 承 and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Fr Steven writes ... Adult Inquirers

The response to the initial promotion about a group for those who are interested in ecploring opportunities for sacramental expressions of Christian initiation – baptism, confirmation for those who have been baptised, whether as Anglicans or in other Christian churches, or reception of those who are full members of other denominations, has been very heartening. Last week a group met to ask some questions, and sort out some details – the "where" and the "when" of it all.

To reiterate, a sacrament is a symbol that opens us to the experience of divine mystery. This is the God who works from the inside out, establishing connections with our selves and our world. As an adult, it can be a powerful and encouraging rite of passage. This is for those who have not been baptised, or baptised but not confirmed, as well as those who would like to be received (formally welcomed) from another tradition, or others who would like a chance to explore and re-affirm their faith. It is a very open group.

The course is based on adult education principles. In other words:

- We need to have a say in our learning experience
- We need to engage critically with our tradition (where have we come from?)
- Ask questions like what do I leave behind? What do I take with me? What's new?
- We need to explore of our life ahead (where are we going?)
- We can thrive in safe learning communities. All questions are good questions

These groups are fantastic discussion groups, because of the combination of life-experience and the courage to explore the things that matter. In this context, the sacraments are not relics from the past, but transformative symbols for here and now.

There is still time to express your interest in participating. Please let me know.

Fr Steven

Royal School of Church Music SA Spring Festival - Saturday 14 October

An enthusiastic group of church musicians from across Adelaide gathered at the church yesterday for the annual RSCM Spring Festival which this year celebrated the 400th anniversary of the Tudor composer William Byrd. An all-day workshop ended with Choral Evensong at 5 pm, and the collection was offered to the Parish. Our thanks to all those who contributed to make this a wonderful celebration.

Chants Encounters - next Sunday 22 October

The Parish is hosting three workshops in the theory and performance of "plainchant", also called "plainsong", a body of musical chants used in the liturgies of the Western Church. Plainsong was the exclusive form of Christian church music until the ninth century, and is still used in a liturgical setting in many places around the world – including at St Mary Magdalene's, where chant is sung every week. Our thanks to director Richard Black (a skilled performer and teacher of chant) for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable leadership of the group. The group will sing a plainsong setting of Compline next Sunday 22 October at 5 pm following the final workshop in the afternoon. This will be a public service, and all are welcome.

Donations for the Magdalene Centre - what is and is not accepted!

Thanks to all those people who place donations in the baskets at the back of the church. This year Philip White has resumed the role of delivering these donations to The Magdalene Centre.

It has been quite a long while since a list of suggestions for donations has been circulated, so The Magdalene Centre has confirmed the following list:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Canned vegetables, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, and rice
- Coffee, Tea, Sugar, and long-life milk
- Cereal, canned meat and veg, Instant Noodles.
- Hygiene Products.
- New Clothes

These are the things they will accept, but they are not necessarily all equally convenient for me as the deliverer. Although The Magdalene Centre welcomes donations of fresh fruit and vegetable and other perishable foods, these do need to be fresh. It is probably safer to take any such donations direct to The Magdalene Centre (82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide).

Before COVID, The Magdalene Centre used to accept second hand clothes in good condition, but apparently they only take new clothes now. Please do not bring donations of these items to St Mary Magdalene's – they can be directed to a Salvos store or a charity clothing bin.

Please keep up the donations of the non-perishable items on the above list. We usually wait for donations to accumulate a bit, but will try to deliver them at least monthly, and generally more frequently than that.

The AnglicareSA 2023 Christmas hamper and toy drive has officially kicked off with a mission of helping those in need this Christmas.

With thousands of South Australians facing poverty every day, AnglicareSA will this year provide more than 1000 hampers to bring festive cheer to those in need.

By providing food hampers, essentials, financial and emotional support, Anglicare aims to not only support people in need during the festive season but to help them to get their lives back on track.

We will again be participating in the drive this year, and Heather Carter has kindly agreed to coordinate our participation. Information will be supplied shortly about where to bring your donations.

In the mean time, many people find it convenient to buy a few extra food items in the course of their regular shopping. A list of the items sought is given below.

Hamper Items

- Long life milk 1L
- Spread (peanut butter, jam, vegemite) 400g
- Can of fruit 825g
- Can of vegetables (corn, peas, mix) 420g
- Jar of pasta sauce 500g
- Pasta or rice 500g
- Breakfast cereal 375g
- Coffee or tea
- Sugar 1kg
- 1 x 5 Pack of 2 min instant noodles
- Christmas pudding
- Pkt of sweet biscuits
- Pkt savoury biscuits (Jatz, shapes or rice crackers)
- Chips (crisps, pretzels, nuts)
- Bag of lollies

Toy Items

- Footballs, basketballs or soccer balls
- Tennis and cricket sets
- Lego for both boys and girls
- Cars, planes, trains
- Construction sets
- Board games, jigsaws
- Dolls, prams, cradles, tea sets
- Arts and craft sets
- Batteries for children's toys (AAA, AA, C, D size, 9v)
- Books, educational toys
- Back to school kits pencils, pencil cases, back packs
- Musical instruments
- Remote control toys
- Makeup, nail polish, perfume or aftershave sets

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am. Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest • BSB 305 122 • account no 0324654 • Reference: Your name

The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.

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Next Sunday, 22 October, at 10 am - The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 33.12-23 • Psalm 99 • 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 • Matthew 22.15-30

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh, Bart O'Donovan (priest) and Prue O'Donovan (Priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially Mark King, Jane Littleton, and Rhiannon Henry-Edwards, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them*, *O Lord*, *and let light perpetual shine upon them*.