

BIDDING PRAYERS 21A 2020

PRIEST

Let us pray to God, who has brought us into his Church and who is always close to those who call upon him.

READER

The response to **Lord, hear us** is **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who takes the place of St Peter in these our times ... that he will continue to confirm the whole Church in faith ... In our deanery, we pray for Canon Mullins and the people of Our Lady's, Langley, and St John Fisher, Boarshaw ...

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

For our young people ... including those who have just received their examination results ... That the light of the Holy Spirit will guide them to their true vocation in life ...

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

For our society in Britain today ... that the sacrament of marriage will be more truly valued, and family life strengthened ...

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land and the Middle East ... That they will receive the compassion and care they need ...

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our sick and housebound, and for all who have asked us to pray for them, especially: MATTHEW CLARK; JUDE CAREY; MONICA LYNSKEY; CONNIE FARRUGIA; MAVIS DONNELLY; SISTER JOAN GORMAN; DAVID FITZROY; ROXINE CALOW; NORA GERAGHTY; HILDA SUNDERLAND; TED JONES; THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE; AND ALL IN PRESTWICH HOSPITAL;

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently: PAUL FENTON; MARK ANTHONY McGRATH;

and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: BILL GREEN; MARGARET MARY FLANAGAN; MARGARET SLATTERY; JOHN WALSH; FR WILLIAM DORRAN; FR JAMES CULKIN; CANON JOSEPH CHEW; May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. ...

Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.

We turn to Our Lady, Mother of the Church, as we pray: **Hail, Mary** ... We pray in the silence of our hearts.

PRIEST

**Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress,
in faith we ask for an end of the pandemic afflicting the world:
and we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through Christ Our Lord.**