

BIDDING PRAYERS 2B 2021

PRIEST We have been given the precious gift of faith. Let us ask God for His help to remain true to our Christian calling.

READER

The response to **Speak, Lord** is: **your servant is listening.**
We pray for those who lead us in the faith ... that by word and example they may lead all peoples to Christ ... In our deanery prayer, we remember Fr Lasia and the parishes of St Mary's, Littleborough, and St Patrick's, Rochdale, together with their primary schools ... and the patients, staff and chaplaincy at Rochdale Infirmary, as well as those at Buckley Hall prison ... **Speak, Lord: your servant ...**
We pray for all who bear the name of Christian ... May Christ draw us together in love and unity, and help us to bear witness together to the power of His Gospel ... We pray especially this week for all Christians in Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal...

Speak, Lord: your servant is listening.
We pray for vocations to the sacred Priesthood ... that those who are called will readily offer their lives as priests in the service of God's Church ...

Speak, Lord: your servant is listening.
Today, Peace Sunday, we join the other parishes in England and Wales in praying for peace in our world And for the people threatened by war or terrorism ... That they will find the security they seek ...

Speak, Lord: your servant is listening.
We remember those who are ill, and those who have asked us to pray for them: ABBAS CHITTALIA; VERA LINDSEY;
ALEXANDER JAMES; ARTHUR NDLOVU; ROXINE CALOW;
JUDE CAREY; MATTHEW CLARK; BARBARA MURPHY;
FREDA WILNER; & THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE;
In their sickness, may they know the peace of Christ ...

Speak, Lord: your servant is listening.
We pray for those who have just died:
From this parish - LILIAN GRAY.
From elsewhere - MONSIGNOR MARK LANGHAM; THOMAS HUNT;
RITA-ANN REGGIE; BERNADETTE McANDREW; VAL HUNT;
ANICE LEACH; LEO CUNNINGHAM; VALERIE MUIR;
ANNE CANNON; JOHN CHESHIRE; SHEILA DELAHUNTY;
RITA DOHERTY; ANDREW SAWDYKE;
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: GEOFF LAKE;
VICTORIA McMANUS; JEAN McGARRAGHY; MARY DAVENPORT;
MINNIE SHIELS; PAUL OGDON; MARIE COLEMAN;
KATE HENEGHAN; FR AIDAN O'REILLY; FR ANDY CURRAN;
That they may enjoy eternal life ... **Speak, Lord: your servant ...**
We pray with Mary, who heard the Word of God, and kept it: **Hail, Mary**
Let us pray quietly for a moment.

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.