

**PRIEST: Today, in all the countries of the world, the Church prays for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. May we all – each in our own vocation – follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd.**

**READER**

**The response to Lord, hear us is: lead us always.**

We pray for Pope Francis ... for our Bishop John, and the priests of our diocese ... and all those who have care of the Church today ... that the Holy Spirit will guide them to be good shepherds of God's people... In our deanery, we pray for Fr Hopkinson and the people of St Peter's, Middleton ...

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

We pray for our young people ... that more will hear the call of Christ to serve Him and His People as priests or religious ...

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

We pray for those training for the priesthood ... that the love of God will inspire them to unselfish giving, to be faithful channels of God's life and joy ...

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

We pray for families ... that God will build them up in faith, hope and love ... And may parents encourage their children to find their true vocation ...

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

We pray for the housebound ...the elderly ... the sick ... By name we remember: MARIE ELLWOOD; CATHERINE BRAZENDALE;

JOHN MIZSEI; ROXINE CALOW; NORA GERAGHTY;

WINNIE MURPHY; ENID McARDLE; DAVID YOUNG;

BRIAN HALL; MARGARET NOONAN; DAVID FITZROY;

JOHN KIPLING; WILLIAM COCHRANE;

THOSE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19;

AND THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE.

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

For those who have died recently: ANN KIPLING; BILL SLOANE;

CATHERINE EGAN; KEVIN FIRTH; MARY CONWAY;

GERARD STURMEY; IRENE ROBERTS; JASON PAUL;

EIRLYS WILLIAMS; JOYCE CARESWELL; HELEN CHURCHILL.

And those who have died at this time in other years; DAVID BRIGGS;

MARGARET FALLON; ANDREW SWEENEY; MARY BYRNE;

ALFRED McMANUS; FR PETER PESSAGNO;

FR FRANCIS OCCLESTON; and all the priests who have served here, and gone to their reward ... that Christ our Good Shepherd will bring them safely to the fullness of life in heaven ...

**Lord, hear us: lead us always.**

As we begin this month of May, we ask Our Lady's prayers: **Hail, Mary...**

We bring before God any special needs we may have.

**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.**