

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 3 October

Priest **Trusting in our good God—from whom everything exists and through whom everything exists—we open our hearts in prayer for the needs of our Church, our neighbours and our world.**

Reader We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders, and especially for the Plenary Council members who are assembling around Australia for the First Assembly. May their hearts and minds be opened to receive the Holy Spirit in all their conversations and prayer.

Lord hear us.

Acknowledging International Day of Non-violence this week, we pray that more people throughout the world will commit themselves to Christ's way of peace, justice and non-violence. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for all those who are currently living under lockdown conditions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and for those on the frontline of care. May they be encouraged and upheld through this difficult time by our loving and prayerful support. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for our faith community. May the Spirit breathe new life into our mission and ministry, and guide us as we step forward into the future. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for the sick among us and for those who care for them.

We pray for all who have died recently especially: *Stephen Sheils, Francesco Pantano, Pietro Ferrigno, Giovanna Centorrino, Fred Bendeich, Serafina Chirico* and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: *Jacques Duhau, Joseph and Rose Gauci.*

May they share fully in the glory of God's promise. *Lord hear us.*

Priest **Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your loving presence. Make us strong and constant followers of Jesus, living and proclaiming the Gospel message. In faith, we pray through Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**