

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 31 October

Priest **We are commanded to love God with all our strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. As a sign of our devotion, we bring these intercessions for our neighbours and for our world.**

Reader We pray for Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to minister to their people with compassion and faithfulness to the Gospel.
Lord hear us.

We pray for our civil and political leaders. May they act and speak with wisdom, compassion and generosity, fostering unity and charity rather than fear and division. *Lord hear us.*

In these final weeks of a challenging academic year, we pray for students facing exams. May their minds be focused and their hearts at peace, and may their study and effort bring success and a sense of joyful satisfaction.
Lord hear us.

We pray for our faith community as together we take the way of the Gospel. Looking to the future, may we be open to the Spirit's leading, working together to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all our neighbours. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them.

We pray for those who have died recently especially; *Alfred Bugrja* and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially; *Nourell Davies, Caroline Ciantar and Terry Sheehan*. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom.
Lord hear us.

Priest **Our confidence is in Jesus Christ, who intercedes for all who come to God through him, and in whose name we pray.**

Amen.