

Prayers for peace

Dear Lord,

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world
Your everlasting peace.

Amen.

Dear Lord, look with kindness on our broken world
in which there is so much conflict.

May God, our Merciful Father,
give wisdom to those who are trying to sustain, protect and
build peace through negotiation and diplomacy,

Amen.

Thought for the Week 21st August, 2022 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

I was reading through the Missal for this weekend's Masses - seeking inspiration for the thought for this week's newsletter. Usually my inspiration comes from the liturgy, but this week it comes from The Collect!

"O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose..." more on this later.

In about two weeks the schools will be going back and a new academic year will begin. As we come to the end of the Summer holidays it is only natural to look back over the year and what a joyous year it has been at St Michael's celebrating 75 years since our Church's foundation.

In this year we have celebrated Baptisms, Communion, and Confirmations and we have also remembered and given thanks for the lives of some of St Michael's beloved parishioners. We have joined together for prayer and feasting with members of our community at our Open Day and we have welcomed visiting priests and the Archbishop, family members and friends, showing them all the warm hospitality that pervades at St Michael's.

As I sit down now and look ahead to the months leading up to Christmas another joyous time in the Church's calendar year, I can't help thinking we have a lot to look forward to with many activities planned for the parish – and it all starts with our Parish weekend at the very end of September. This is a time when **The parishioners of St Michael's can come together to unite in a single purpose** – to praise God and thank him for all that he provides for us and our community:

This is a time when we can come together, not just for Mass: but for spiritual discussion, reflection and of course our wonderful Parish lunch, which this year will be on Sunday, 2nd October.

If you have not attended the Parish weekend before, I urge you to try to come to one or all of the events taking place. Please check the posters when they are put up at the back of Church for more information and sign up for our Sunday Lunch.

I do hope you will join us.

A Parishioner



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital with pneumonia

Please pray for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

Please pray for Barbara Van Bree who has cancer

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia and needs our prayers.

Please pray for victims of all wars remembering those in Ukraine

Please pray for Savanna Clark (age 2 with heart trouble)

Please pray for Shirley Trollop

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) that she may be able to have an operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is very poorly

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 9 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the teachers and children of the parish



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Rita Conlon, George Crabb, Sr M. Audrey (Barbara Rebeiro), Winifred Eve James, Jude D'Souza, Tony and Peggy Brennan, Deidre Keogh, Jay Colley