

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

2nd October, 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary time

St MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SONNING COMMON

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Falling just after the Feast of St Michael and the Archangels (29th September) this is a special weekend for our parish community as we celebrate our patronal feast. It is of particular significance this year as we celebrate our 75th birthday and draw our anniversary year to a close. Hopefully we will be spiritually nourished through the talks given by Fr John Udris and physically nourished as we share our first parish lunch together since the start of the Covid pandemic.

It has been important to reflect on the past 75 years as it helps us identify what is at the heart of our Catholic community. It is not the buildings and grounds, though these are important, but the people who have contributed to the formation, development and upkeep of St Michael's Catholic parish over the last 75 years. Former parish priests (Bill Ford, Frank Dawson, Cecil Keane, John Ellis, Chris Bester, Bob Devaney and Paul Rowan) and Deacon Francis Andrews have each left their mark. However, without the generosity, hard work and commitment of their parishioners their work would have been in vain. Through them, the Church's sacraments are made available to us in our locality. Let us give thanks and pray for all those who have bequeathed to us our parish community.

Just as important is to look forward to next year, the next decade, the next 75 years. Our own generosity, hard work and commitment to the needs of our parish today will determine what kind of parish community the Catholics in this area will inherit in years to come. Parish life will undoubtedly be different so let us pray regularly that God will guide us and that we may be open to the changes that might need to be made.

Happy 75th birthday!

Deacon Brian



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

Please pray for Christopher Hicks and Maria Santano Barratto, relations of Emmy Antao who have died recently.

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital

Please prayer for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

Please pray for Barbara Van Bree who has cancer

Please prayer 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) she has now had her 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;**

Eric Gillet, Margaret Morgan, Lyl Cattrell (Jnr),
Annie Deeney, Renee George, Joe Ashby,
Helen Cunningham.