

ADSUMUS, SANCTE SPIRITUS
(We stand before you, Holy Spirit)

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity

So that we may journey together to eternal life

And not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you,
who are at work in every place and time,

In the communion of the Father and the Son,
Forever and ever. Amen.

This prayer has been used at Councils, Synods and other Church gathering for
hundreds of years including every session of the 2nd Vatican Council.
It is attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560-636 AD).

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Thought for the week
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th January 2022

The Greatest of these is Love

If you go to a wedding in a church and are inclined to accept a wager, then betting against hearing today's second reading might find you out of pocket! But there is more to the message in that reading than the hope of human matrimonial love.

St Paul tells the Church in Corinth that the Spirit gives gifts to everyone, but different gifts to different people. No one gift is better than any other and their response to God's gifts must be to use them for the purpose of the Kingdom. The same message is true for each one of us today. We all have God-given gifts. We have been given the gifts we need and the gifts that we are called upon to use. Some of us may be healers or preachers or teachers; we may be carers or administrators or helpers: these gifts have no hierarchy – what is important is that we use them.

The power that we are given behind all of these gifts to help us to make the best use of our talents or gifts are three things: Faith, Hope and Love. The Spirit helps our faith to be active, it allows our hope to persevere and above all gives us the strength to love unsparingly.

My prayer for this week is for me to truly understand the gifts that I have been given for use in the here and now. And then I pray for my faith to be alive and active, my hope to remain strong and for the love of Christ to be in everything I do and be shared with all those I meet.

I pray the same for you too.

A parishioner



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

Please pray for Stephen Aldworth who needs our prayers.

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale and Ramsay Mikhail who died last week.

Please Pray for Delia Hoban and Barbara Pike who are in hospital

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for Mary Haggar

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

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

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

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

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

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

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 children and teachers of the Parish

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

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



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

Denis and Nora Fogarty, Judith Over, Irene George,
Eugene Herbert, May McGrath, Noel Pearce,
Sean Regan, Margaret Ely, Marie King, Dee Keogh,
Jimmy Thompson, Lilian Tresham, Max Noothout
Derrick Palman, Richard Hoban.
Marie Prendergast