

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).

Thought for the week
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th February 2022

On reading this week's Gospel from St Luke, one of the first things to strike me was that Jesus stopped at a level place. I have to admit that I was more familiar with St Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount.

In St Luke's Gospel, Jesus has come down from the mountain and is among the people - there, in the midst of those who had come to be healed and to listen to Him. He is with us when the world abandons us, loving us when it seems everyone else hates us. Jesus Himself is the blessing - we need no longer grieve alone, stress alone or worry alone.

I was also struck by the woes juxtaposed with the blessings. Luke is making clear here that if we concentrate only on ourselves, amassing wealth and seeking status as ends in themselves, then our attention has drifted from God

However, as the blessed followers of Christ, our struggle is a temporary state leading to our reward in heaven. Jesus came to lift up the poor and lowly and we find blessing in seeking Him - we are not alone in our experiences and needs, and we cannot leave others alone in theirs.

Jesus himself was denounced and plotted against by the Pharisees, driven out of towns and scorned. If we follow His way: loving our neighbour, showing compassion to those suffering and helping the needy, then we can pray that our struggles will be only temporary and enjoy eternal life in Jesus.



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

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 Barbara Pike whose funeral is on Wednesday.

Please pray for Stephen Aldworth who needs our prayers.

Please Pray for Delia Hoban who is 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 also remember in your prayers those whose
anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Diane Fox, Rex Raven, Willem Anschutz,
Delia Davies, Joan Leach, Harold Price,
Bep Anschutz, John Dowd, Richard Savage,
Avito Benedict Da Silva, Eileen Arkell,
Bridie Bonner, Peter Davies, Eileen Enright.