

## **Intercessions 14 April 2024**

Father God, you have promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith, receive the prayers we offer.

We give you thanks for the beauty and abundance of our world. We thank you for the efforts of conservationists who have changed our way of thinking about resources, to value the earth's soil, vegetation, water and wildlife. We thank you for the farmers that produce our food, the people who transport, process and make available the food that we enjoy on a daily basis. We are blessed to have this abundance.

Help us to be mindful of those for whom who are hungry, whose lives are torn apart by fighting and war especially those in Gaza, Ukraine, Central African Republic, Mexico and Syria, and many other countries in the world.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We hold Rev Paul in our prayers as he returns to school chaplaincy and we pray that he finds joy, peace and satisfaction in the new position. We thank him for his gentle service to our congregations, his unjudgmental and selfless way, his ministry to us during the past 7 years. We ask for your continued blessing on him in the future. We ask your blessing on Fr John as he accepts the mantle of shepherding our congregation during the period before a new priest accepts our call.

We thank you Lord for all priests who have served You in this parish and brought us here today. We pray for the Nomination Committee charged with the responsibility of finding us a new pastor, someone who will guide us for another generation and help lead us into the future.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

The gospel reminds us to remember that we fall short in belief, that healing, honesty, wisdom and strength come through prayer and reflection, and that through Jesus, our failings will be overlooked if we keep examining ourselves through the filter of 'What would Jesus do?'

We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work. We thank you for the warmth and support that we can share within these circles.

We pray for those known to us in need of support, those who are lonely, those who are unwell or frail, or fearful. We pray that we can be your agents for service and support in the communities around us, help us remember that our hands are Your hands, our heart is Your Heart. We are serving you when we serve others.

We pray for our families and those we love. May they be guided and held in your love through their hours of trial and solitude.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We hold in our prayers all those who have departed this life recently. We ask your blessing on those that grieve and mourn the loss of dearly beloved family and friends.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**