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Prayer of the Faithful (ASCENSION)

Celebrant: As we look for the return of the Lord, let us pray to live as his faithful witnesses:

For the Church: that it may be the sign of Jesus' own humility, gentleness and patience in a world so challenged by the COV-19 pandemic, violence and self-interest. We pray to the Lord.

For our World: that all may reflect on lessons to be learned from the COV-19 pandemic and let our common humanity guide us into a more trusting and sustainable future. We pray to the Lord.

For our Country: For our political, civic and industrial leaders that with our support they may address the needs of poor and marginalized and focus their efforts on the common good. We pray to the Lord.

For our Community: For us all, that each one of us may reach out to our neighbour to offer support, encouragement and friendship in building caring and sustaining communities. We pray to the Lord

For the Sick: For all those who face living with or caring for someone suffering with an illness; may the risen Lord bring them and us all a sense of peace and hope. We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died: that they may eternally share in the presence of the risen Lord. We Pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Mary, Help of Christians, watch over us with love. Intercede for us with your Son, to bless Australia, so that we can be people of peace – people who love and respect each other, and people who love and respect our land. We make this prayer through Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Recently Deceased:

Sr Rita Corbett rsj, Marjorie Beaver, Kenneth Mosbey, Susan Spackman, Kevin Todkill, Ian Clune, Colleen Cotter, Noel Plumb, Glenda Smith, Leone Corrigan, Bert Steenbergen, James Cooper,

Anniversaries:

Amy Heaton,

Prayer List:

Michael Cole, Mary Douven, Pauline Taylor, Dawn Cummins, Robyn Smart, Terry Druett, Marianne Barling, Patrick McCormack, Michelle O'Regan, Dorothy Kennedy, Gypsy Eldridge ,

Dear Parishioners,

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect our lives, the Australian Catholic bishops inviting us to join to entrust the country to the care of Mary, Help of Christians, on her feast day, May 24. Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Please join the Entrustment Prayer during our 10am Mass this Sunday (online).

We are in Marian month. Since the Middle-Ages, the Church has devoted the month of May to Mary. In May, there are also three Marian feasts celebrated which help us to understand what Mary can teach us about being disciples.

On May 13, we commemorate the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima which recalls the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to three young children in Portugal in 1917.

The Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, which is celebrated on May 24, dates back to the sixteenth century. The third Marian feast for May is the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin on May 31.

With maternal love for us, Mary wants what is best for us - she wants Jesus for us, so she urges us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Then she helps us as we lead others to know and love her Son too. Her feasts not only empower us to turn to her in prayer, but also to love Jesus and others with a greater love.

In this current time of crisis let us take steps to revive and deepen our spiritual life. Also I invite you to send me, if you can, the stories of your faith Journey during this lockdown.

In the month of May, especially, I recommend to pray the Rosary, if possible as a family, seeking Our Lady's powerful intercession for all our needs. If you wish to attend weekday Mass (only 10 people at a time) please book through the office.

Once again please be assured of my prayers for you at this time and please do not hesitate to contact me (joshy.kurien@cg.org.au) or the parish office for any assistance.

'Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.'

May God bless you and keep you.

Fr Joshy

Planned Giving: Thank you to the many parishioners who have embraced and trialling the electronic transfer for Planned Giving. If you would like confirmation that the funds have gone into the correct accounts please contact Sharon in the office. We have had a few transferred to the wrong collections, but we are able to rectify quickly if we know.

PARISH BULLETIN

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