PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus has revealed to us all he learnt from his beloved Father. Nourished by his word, let us pray together for the life of the world.

READER

We pray for the Church, that it will be a leaven of friendship, kindness and forgiveness that brings transformation to the heart of the human family. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the nations of the world, that the spirit of the Olympic Games will live on in a reinvigorated movement for global peace and disarmament. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for parents and teachers, that with the help of National <u>Children's</u> <u>Book Week</u> (17-23 August) they will enthuse the children in their care with a love of books and reading. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us

We pray for policy-makers dealing with the national housing crisis, that they will have the courage to uphold housing as a human right, rather than a means of accumulating wealth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our faith community, that this week's feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will strengthen our faith in Christ's promise of heavenly glory. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that having been fed with the bread of life they will live for ever with Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Holy God and Father of Jesus, you never cease to forgive us the folly of our ways. Guide us with your wisdom on the true path of life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.