

Prayers of the Faithful 25 May

Presentation Mass of Confirmation candidates

PRIEST

Dear friends, before returning to the Father, Jesus promises his disciples peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in his word, we pray for God's blessing on the church, our confirmation candidates, and the whole world.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo, that he will continue to preach Jesus' word and never stop calling for peace on earth and for us to care of the poor. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all church leaders, that they will listen to the wisdom of the Spirit and guide the church in the way of the gospel. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many people forced to flee from violence and poverty, that they will be given safety and life-saving food. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Peoples of this land, that National Sorry Day, which is on Monday, will bring everyone together in acknowledging the past wrongs and that we work towards a more respectful and fair future. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people that we may have courage to listen the Holy Spirit and live the gospel through our love and care for each other. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are sick and for those who have died recently especially Michael Page and Emily James Anderson. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRIEST

Giver of all good gifts, Lord God, you make your home in all who keep the word of Jesus. Keep our minds and hearts open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.