Twenty-six Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 27 September 2026.

PRESIDER
Dear friends, Paul the apostle urges us to have a common purpose and a common mind. Let us pray as one for all in need.

READER

We pray for Christian leaders in every land, that they will model the humble humanity of Christ who died that all might live. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the swelling tide of migrants and refugees around the world, that **today's special remembrance** will highlight their right to the respect that Jesus gave little children. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for children and young people; that as the Season of Creation draws to a close they will grow to cherish nature more and more in the joyful spirit of St Francis of Assisi. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for teachers, students and families, that all who are on school holidays will enjoy a restful and refreshing break. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for older persons everywhere, that, as life expectancy grows, the **United Nations observance in their honour** (1st Oct) will mark progress in caring for people as they live longer lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for nations and states proceeding with legislation for voluntary assisted dying, that they will establish the strictest possible safeguards to protect the vulnerable from exploitation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Margaret Ryan and Ross Willson, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that will forever acclaim Jesus as Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER
God of power and might, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to the glory of heaven. Give us the courage to follow his way of humble service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.