

**5th February 2023 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial
Justice Sunday**

Celebrant: Today we remember that God created all races, and ask His pardon for the times when either individually or as an institution we did not show His justice to others.

The response is: **Lord graciously hear us.**

- 1. We pray for your Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus, Father Keiron and all clergy and religious and ask that they may teach us to show generosity, mercy and justice to all, shining like the lights of a city on a hilltop. Lord hear us. .**
- 2. We pray for those in public authority, that they may conduct their affairs with honour. Lord hear us. .**
- 3. We pray for those burdened with difficulties, especially those caught up in war and conflict, such as Ukraine and Israel, and those coping with natural disasters, like the floods in northern New Zealand, that they may be helped by people who are the salt of the earth. Lord hear us. . .**
- 4. We pray for the local community, especially those struggling in the current economic crisis, keep all families safe and help us to have faith in the power of God, not philosophy. Lord hear us. . .**

We ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray with us as we say – **Hail Mary etc.....**

The Silence

Celebrant Let us add our own personal prayers and petitions in the silence of our hearts.

Final Prayer: Heavenly Father, in faith and trust we turn to you, and ask that you hear our prayer and grant it according to your will, for the good of your holy people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.