

BIDDING PRAYERS for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 11th, 2024

Celebrant: O God, You have made your home in our hearts, by your grace help us to make them homes of truth and justice where we make room for the sick and the unemployed. We pray especially for them today.

Reader: That Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus and all entrusted with guidance in your Church may seek the ways of your Holy Spirit and so continue to act with all Wisdom and Compassion.

(PLEASE LEAVE A DECENT PAUSE FOR ALL TO PRAY IN SILENCE AFTER EACH PRAYER)

Lord hear us. ALL: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: For Fr Kieron that he may be restored to full health; for King Charles that he may recover and be able to continue his life of service; for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit and all whose lives are dedicated to their care, our doctors, nurses and all health workers. May we think hard about how we might be able to help the sick, particularly those who suffer from Alzheimer's or the loss of the precious gift of memory in our community. PAUSE

Lord hear us. ALL: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: We pray for all maimed by war and violence; particularly the innocent men, women and children whose suffering is made worse by lack of medical care and medicines in Gaza, Sudan, Yemen and in all the places where war links hands with poverty to increase misery and pain (PAUSE)

Lord hear us. ALL: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: For all the unemployed here and elsewhere who are forced to turn to benefits, food banks or other forms of aid. Help us to turn prayers into practical action for justice here at home and throughout the world.

(PAUSE) Lord here us. ALL: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: For all those who have nobody to pray for them; all those who never ask for prayers, all those who feel excluded, rejected by family, friend or workmates; those marginalised by society and even by our Church. (PAUSE) Lord hear us ALL: Lord graciously hear us

In a moment of silence, we ask St Joseph the Worker to comfort those out of work and that those seeking work will find it. We ask Our Lady Help of the Sick to help us as we pray: Hail Mary.....

Celebrant: Hear Heavenly Father the prayers of your people, may the sick be healed, the unemployed given hope and may the Spirit of Jesus Christ your Son truly dwell within us – who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen. the sick and the unemployed.