

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.
Prayers of Intercession for 23 January 2022

Celebrant: Today the readings tell us of the gifts that we can use in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. In the Old Testament, Ezra explains the Scriptures to people, Jesus proclaims that He is the Good news, and Luke uses the gift of writing to tell us. There are many other gifts. Let us ask God to help us to find and use our gifts for His glory.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us

1. We pray for your Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus, Father Keiron and all clergy and religious that they show that all the Church is the Body of Christ and all have their part to play. **Lord hear us . . .**

2. We pray for those in public authority, that they may turn to You in truth and integrity. That they will help those who are captives, downtrodden, and vulnerable, especially families who are struggling on low incomes. **Lord hear us . . .**

3. We pray for those burdened with difficulties, those who are poor, those who have been affected by the volcanic eruption in the Pacific, and those suffering from Covid and other illnesses. **Lord hear us . . .**

4. We pray for the local community, especially in this week of Christian Unity, our brothers and sisters in other churches, that we may keep our gaze fixed firmly on Jesus while proclaiming His Good News. **Lord hear us . . .**

5. Let us pray to Mary, the mother of our Lord, to intercede for us with the Father **Hail Mary . . .**

The Silence

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

Celebrant: Merciful Father, please accept the prayers we offer You. Amen.