

# THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

## Prayers of Intercession for Sunday 28. 11. 2021 First Sunday of Advent

**Celebrant: God loves us and cares for us – trusting in His love and mercy, let us pray . . .**

**Response: Lord, graciously hear us**

**1.** For Francis our Pope, Marcus our Bishop, Fr. Keiron, our Priest, and all leaders of the church, that they will grow in wisdom and love and feel the presence and love of God in all they do. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**2.** On this first Sunday of Advent we pray that over the next few weeks we will make time to refocus and remind ourselves of the things that really matter. May it be a time of deeper personal encounter with Jesus. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**3.** We pray for the Church, at this time of the Synod. As we journey together may we be a listening Church and may the Holy Spirit help us to respond honestly and know that we all have a voice and a contribution to offer, in this vital process of renewal. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**4.** We pray for all who suffer – the poor, the lonely, the homeless, the bereaved and those affected by war and injustice. May they feel God's comfort and love and may we offer compassion and practical help. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**5.** We pray for those who are ill in mind or body and for those who care for them – at home, in hospital or care home. May they know the peace of your loving presence.  
**Lord, hear us . . .**

**6.** We pray for those who have died. Welcome them home into your kingdom of eternal glory and peace. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**7.** Let us ask Mary, our Mother, who understands all our needs to pray with us and for us as we say: **Hail Mary . . .**

### **The Silence**

Let us pray in silence for our personal needs

**Celebrant: Loving Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and to give us the grace to be active members of your Kingdom of justice, love and peace. Amen.**