

BIDDING PRAYERS

6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 16th /Sunday 17th May 2020

Priest: Today's Gospel highlights the love that Christ has for the Father and for those who love Him and keep His commandments. Filled with confidence in this love, let us ask God for our needs and for the needs of all His people throughout the world.

Reader:

We pray for the Church that, under the guidance of our Holy Father the Pope, she may provide a light of hope throughout the world, especially in these difficult times. We pray for Bishop Richard, Father Chris and Deacon Mark, that they may continue to bring God's word to the people through the means of technology and through their good works.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

We pray for the whole world, as its people struggle to find a way to adjust to life with Covid-19. We pray for a vaccine and for an increase in ways to combat and to treat the virus.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

We pray for justice and peace, that those of us who have the facilities to reduce the threat of the virus will do what we can to help those who do not have access to the most basic preventative measures. We pray that those in positions of power will work for peace, justice and truth in their own country and between countries.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

We pray for the people of the parish, especially for those children and young people who were to have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and of Confirmation shortly, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen the faith of each of us through this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community here at St. Michael's, that we may pass on the joy of Easter and the knowledge of the Resurrection through the way we live our lives. We pray that our belief in the risen Christ will enable us to share what we have with those, throughout the world, who do not have enough. We pray that we will support our local communities, ensuring that no one is forgotten.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in the parish who are sick, especially those whose names are printed in our parish newsletter. **Pause.** We pray for those who work with, and care for, the sick, the mentally ill, the lonely and those who are overwhelmed with problems because of Covid-19.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially those whose names are printed in our newsletter. **Pause.** We pray for those who mourn them.

Lord hear us. Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

In a few moments of silence let us ask God for our own personal intentions.