Universal Prayer

Sunday 21st April 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd of

the Church is well loved by Christians and this day is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

1. For Pope Francis who has given to us the theme for this day, *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace,* that hemay continue to shepherd the Church with mercy so that we all may embrace hope and work for peace.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For Archbishop Patrick, that as he is a brother to all the priests and deacons in the Archdiocese, and a companion to the religious women and men who serve here, all may be faithful to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For our Catholic youth and young adults that they will seek to follow Jesus, dedicate themselves to the service of their peers and the poor,

and reflect carefully on what is to be their vocation in life.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For the priests and religious who serve the people in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, in Syria, Lebanon, in Sudan, Myanmar and Haiti, Ukraine and Russia that they will instil hope in the hearts of their people, and be instruments of peace.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For the people of Rwanda, marking the 30th anniversary of their horrendous 100 day civil war, that those who carry injuries, are still traumatised by the experience and have broken hearts, will receive divine healing.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For the people injured in the stabbings at the Bondi Junction Mall and the Syrian Orthodox Church in Syndey, that those who assisted the victims, the first responders and all traumatised by those events will receive the healing and support which they need.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For those who died in the Bondi Junction stabbings, along with the priests and religious who have served in our parishes across the Archdiocese, that the Good Shepherd will lead them to the pastures of heaven.

We also remember…

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, as we give thanks to you

for the gift of your Son, our Shepherd and Saviour,

fill us with the gift of his hope,

sustain us in the works of his peace,

and unite us under his care,

for he is Lord, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

The Universal Prayer

Monday 22nd April 2024

Monday Fourth Week of Easter

Celebrant: We continue to reflect upon Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the Church.

1. May those who do not believe come to understand who Jesus is,

so that he may lead them into the community of the Church.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May we rejoice in the universal nature of the Church and welcome every member into our parish with no hint of discrimination.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the religious orders who

serve here, be blessed with vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Fr Selva and the people of Good Shepherd community at Clearview confidently place themselves under the Divine Protection of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Christ, hear us.

1. May today’s United Nations *International Mother Earth Day* encourage all nations to work together to reverse the damage caused by climate change and the effects of war, so that our common home becomes safe and fruitful for all people.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, in all our trials and tribulations

look upon all who suffer at this time

and embrace them in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 23rd April 2024**

**St George St Adelbert**

**Tuesday Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: My friends, we continue to reflect upon Jesus

as our Good Shepherd, the source of eternal life.

1. That there might be in the Church a real missionary spirit

so that Jesus is proclaimed to the nations with great love.

Christ, hear us.

1. That all who carry the name ‘Christian’ may pray and work for

for the unity of all the followers of Christ.

Christ, hear us..

1. That the nations placed under the patronage of St George – England, Portugal and Germany, be places where people are true to God and ensure that the poor and refugees are cared for with respect.

Christ, hear us.

1. That St Adalbert, a patron of Poland and Prussia, who endured hardship and martyrdom in the 10th century, will intercede for all places trapped in war, religious persecution and violence.

Christ, hear us.

1. That in this week dedicated to the health needs of children – *National Infant Immunization Week, Every Child Health Week* and *National Pediatric Transplant Week –* we willbring our prayers for the needs of children and the medical and nursing professions before God who loves children deeply.

Christ, hear us.

6 That this World Book and Copyright Day will move us to be

sensitive and just towards writers, artists, composers, publishers, film and television producers.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, the world and all her people belong to you. Grace each person with your love

and show to them the compassionate face of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 24th April 2024**

**St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

**Wednesday Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: As Jesus declares himself to be the Light of the world,

we continue to pray for the Church

that through her members Christ’s light of holiness

and love may shine.

1. May the darkness of greed and violence which is draining hope

from the hearts of so many people across the world, be dispelled by the Light of Jesus Christ whose word is Truth and whose Way leads to Life.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Australian men and women who have gone to other lands

as missionaries of the Gospel be greatly encouraged by the

missionary work of Paul and Barnabas.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Cyprus, where Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel and is now

part of the Holy Land Custody continue to give support to the people of Gaza with humanitarian aid by sea.

Christ, hear us.

1. May this *National Infertility Awareness Week* alert us to be particularly

sensitive toward couples who wish for a child but are unable to conceive

and for pray for those who develop support through natural family planning.

Christ, hear us.

1. May St Fidelus, known at the “poor person’s lawyer” in the 16th century,

pray for lawyers and their associates who give of their time helping refugees and the poor to gain justice free of charge.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, receive our thanksgiving for you alone are holy and good, the source of peace and life.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Within Australia**

**Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 25th April 2024**

**Anzac Day**

Celebrant: As we share this anniversary of the Gallipoli landing

we remember all who have died in the cause of peace.

1. May Pope Francis be a continuing and powerful voice for peace

in our fragile and broken world, standing with all oppressed in war.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May this Anzac Day strengthen the ties between Australia and New Zealand, and help both nations to work for peace in the world.

Christ, hear us.

1. May nations who were enemies in past conflicts, value the opportunity

to be reconciled, and together become the makers of peace in a new world order.

Christ, hear us.

1. May our Australia Military Personnel serve our nation well, defend freedom, obey international laws in conflict zones and help citizens in national disasters.

Christ, hear us.

1. May every place experiencing the burden of war and violence, especially across the Holy Land, in Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar, Sudan and Haiti,

be delivered from present evil and move along the way to peace with the help of the United Nations and people of goodwill.

Christ, hear us.

1. May eternal rest be granted to all those who have died in the wars of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, bless our world with that peace which comes only from the Heart of the risen Christ,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Outside Australia**

**Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 25th April 2024**

**St Mark, evangelist**

Celebrant: My friends, St Mark wrote the first and shortest Gospel

so through it people could come to faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. That Pope Francis may lead the Church as a true servant of Jesus Christ, with faith, hope and love.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the word of God may be a constant nourishment for Christians, drawing each person closer in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who are missionaries in the Church may work together in a good spirit, supporting and encouraging each other.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Church may live out its mission to proclaim the Good News to the world with charity, in hope, respecting the rights and dignity

of each person.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who honour St Mark as patron: the nation of Egypt that it may honour freedom of religion, and notaries that they will witness official documents with honesty.

Christ, hear us.

6. That this World Malaria Day will encourage nations to work together to

rid the world of this infectious disease, and medical scientist to research treatment and a cure.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, we will always sing your praises

for you give us life through your word by means of the inspired writings of St Mark.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Within Australia**

**Universal Prayer**

**Friday 26th April 2024**

**St Mark, evangelist**

Friday Fourth Week of Easter

Celebrant: My friends, St Mark wrote the first and shortest Gospel

so through it people could come to faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. That Pope Francis may lead the Church as a true servant of Jesus Christ, with faith, hope and love.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the word of God may be a constant nourishment for Christians, drawing each person closer in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Christ, hear us.

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Christ, hear us.

1. That the Church may live out its mission to proclaim the Good News to the world with charity, in hope, respecting the rights and dignity

of each person.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who honour St Mark as patron: the nation of Egypt that it may honour freedom of religion, and notaries that they will witness official documents with honesty.

Christ, hear us.

1. That we will remember Bishop Francis Murphy, first bishop of Adelaide, with thanksgiving for his missionary spirit and the warmth of his friendship with the other Christians and citizens of South Australia on this the anniversary of his death in 1858.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, we will always sing your praises.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Outside Australia**

**Universal Prayer**

**Friday 26th April 2024**

Friday Fourth Week of Easter

Celebrant: Jesus’ words from the Last Supper,

which formed our Gospel today,

have bought great consolation to many

when read at funerals.

1. May those who are mourning the death of a family member, friend,

or colleague at this time, trust in the word of Jesus who promised to return and take us to the Father’s house.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are troubled in spirit or live with mental illness

find Christ’s peace and consolation through the kindness of family,

friends and medical professionals.

Christ, hear us.

3. May the continuing crises for an end to war and for peace in the Holy Land, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar be resolved by negotiation and respect rather than by more violence.

Christ, hear us.

4 May those who financially support our parish be cheerful in their

giving, as they support the spread of the Kingdom.

Christ, hear us.

5 May God move the hearts of violent people to turn from their ways and

seek to live in peace and harmony with those they consider to be enemies.

Let us pray to the Lord.

6 May this World Intellectual Property Day be a catalyst for growth and

development and so play a key role in improving livelihoods, and safeguarding our planet.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, you have placed all creation under the authority of your Son Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to

his example of justice and mercy

for he lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 27th April 2024**

**St Luis Grignion de Monfort**

Saturday Fourth Week of Easter

Celebrant: Dear friends,

Jesus has given us the consoling truth that

what we ask for in his Name will be given to us.

1. That we may see on the face of the compassionate Christ

the eternal love of the heavenly Father.

Christ, hear us.

2. That the Church, united under the leadership of Pope Francis, may continue in prayer so that in all things God’s will may be done, and God’s mercy heal our world.

Christ, hear us.

3. That the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie.

along with all religious orders in South Australia, may be blessed with new vocations.

Christ, hear us.

4 That the De Monfort Missionaries who serve in the Archdiocese of

Adelaide find in their founder, St Louis Grignion De Monfort a model for prayer and of pastoral love for the people they are called to serve.

Christ, hear us.

5 That God will hear the cries of those who cry out for peace around the

world so that the death and destruction across the Holy Land, in Ukraine and Russia and among the people of Myanmar and Haiti will come to an end.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, work through your Church so that the nations of the world may see the salvation you have offered to all people through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.