**The Universal Prayer**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**7th April 2024**

Celebrant The first Christian community in Jerusalem

were united in heart and soul as the apostles

testified to the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray that we may live in the same spirit.

1. May Pope Francis receive the gift of improved health

so that he may preside over the Church is charity, and with wisdom,

be a voice for all who suffer.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May our parish (community) reflect the life of the first Christians of Jerusalem, being united in heart and soul,

share generously with those in need,

and give witness to the resurrection of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May our Catholic youth and young adults seek ways to be

authentic leaders of a good life among their peers,

and put their faith in Jesus as did the youthful St Thomas.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

 **4.** May this World Health Day, with its theme, *My Health, My Right,*

see governments working together to ensure better access to health care

 everywhere, but especially in places of war and natural disasters

and where poverty robs people of hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

5 May children who are denied an education or where it is seriously

compromised for them in Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Nigeria and in refugee camps, have their right to a good education restored.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

 6. May our new Easter Catholics continue to rejoice in the Risen Jesus,

be welcomed by the community, and become active in the life of the Church.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

 7. May the victims of war, terrorism, accidents and domestic violence

 find true peace and joy in heaven.

 We also remember…

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

# Celebrant: Father, with St Thomas we acclaim Jesus

 as our Lord and God,

 giving thanks for every blessing given to us

 through him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 8th April 2024**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

**(transferred from March 25th)**

Celebrant: As we celebrate the mystery that the Eternal Word

 took flesh of the Virgin Mary, we pray that

 all Christians will take the same Word into their hearts.

1. May every Christian, during this Easter Time,

rejoice in the will of God, as did Mary so long ago.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

2. May Christ dwell in our hearts, through faith.

Christ, hear us.

3. May this Solemnity of God’s Son with us in the womb of Mary,

bring blessings of truth and peace to our Christian brothers and sisters who endure persecution because of their faith in Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

4. May the priests and people of the Hectorville Parish, dedicated to Our Lady of the Annunciation, find in her Son the true meaning of their lives.

Christ, hear us.

5 May the land where Jesus took fresh of the Virgin Mary come to

experience a true and lasting peace through the action of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, as your Son was conceived at the message of an angel, so may we receive the Gospel of Jesus,

knowing that we no longer live alone, but that Christ lives within us, he who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 9th April 2024**

**Tuesday Second Week of Easter**

Celebrant: We who have been reborn in Christ

 through the life giving waters of baptism,

now share this Eucharist of the same Lord.

1. That our parish community might live with the spirit

of the first Christian community in Jerusalem,

and be united in the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship,

the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That religious men and women who have promised to own all thing in common will live joyfully the true spirit of poverty in which they imitate the generosity and contentment of the first Christians.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who were baptised and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter across the Archdiocese,

may find their local communities welcoming and supportive.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the present war devastating Palestine and Israel, and spilling over into Lebanon and Syria and Yemen, be bought to an end so that hostages are returned, those imprisoned without charge be released and humanitarian aid reach those in need.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the people of Ukraine can come to peace, and that dialogue with Russia will restore harmony.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, our King, robed in majesty, fill your Church with your holiness, as we await the return of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 10th April 2024**

**Wednesday 2nd Week of Easter**

Celebrant: We are greatly consoled by the words of Jesus

 who assured us that he had come,

 not to condemn the world, but to save it.

1. May the faith of all believers be strengthened

during this Easter Time, and their hope in eternal life be made firm.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May those who have strayed from their Christian faith,

rediscover the beauty and goodness of Christ,

and so return to him with thankful hearts

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are fearful of Christ,

or are scrupulous in their religious practices,

come to know that Jesus does not condemn them

but embraces them with salvation.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the sick and frail aged of our parish be remembered by us in prayer today.

Christ, hear us.

1. May every effort be made to bring peace across the Holy Land and between Ukraine and Russia, so that the present devastation comes to an end.

Christ hear us.

1. May this National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day encourage those who educate and care for youth as they strive to keep them safe with respect and hope

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Loving Father, from all our terrors set us free

and give us the joy and peace of knowing that your Son Jesus is with us until the end of time.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 11th April 2024**

**St Stanislaus of Cracow, Poland.**

**Thursday 2nd Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, Jesus came into our world

 in order to bear witness before us

 of those things which are of heaven and of God.

1. We pray for the Catholic Church and all her members,

 that by living Christ’s commandment of love the world might believe in him as Lord and Saviour.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for a new respect for truth in our society,

in the Church, in politics, in business and in relationships,

since God is the source of all truth.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for the war between Russia and Ukraine, between Palestine and

Israel, against shipping in the Red Sea, and in South Sudan and the violence in Haiti will all come to an end through the work of people of goodwill.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that the holiness and simplicity of St Gemma Galgani and her

devotion to the Passion of Jesus will be inspiration to the Passionist Fathers and Sisters as they honour her today.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that the holiness and leadership of St Stanislaus in confronting

injustice and corruption in the 11th century, will be encouragement for those, who today, work against the same evils in the Church.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 in this Eucharist we taste and see your goodness.

 Give us this daily bread of the Eucharist

 so that we may be one with Jesus Christ

 who is Lord, for ever and ever

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 12th April 2024**

**Friday Second Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus who fed the multitude,

 will now feed us on the Bread of the Eucharist.

1. That Pope Francis, who dedicates his whole life to Jesus Christ,

to the welfare of all people, and is a prophetic voice in a chaotic world, will be kept in good health.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That those who like the apostles, have been arrested because of their faith in Jesus, will still rejoice in that faith, even in the face of adversity.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the terrible suffering being endured by the Palestinians and the Israeli hostages, by the Ukrainians and the prisoners of both Ukraine and Russia, may quickly come to an and with a just and lasting peace.

Christ, hear us.

**4.** That Australians will learn how not to be wasteful with food, and that organizations who distribute surplus food to those in need will be rewarded for their generosity.

Christ, hear us.

1. That this International Day of Human Space Flight will enhance

cooperation among nations and advance space travel for exploration and ensure the environmental integrity of space.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, you are our constant help. May we see your goodness in the heavenly Jerusalem where the Lamb is the true light and source of peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 13th April 2024**

**St Martin 1, pope**

**Saturday 2nd Week of Easter**

Celebrant: The choice of seven deacons to assist the apostles

shows the concern which the first Christian Community had for the total welfare, body and spirit, of each member.

1. May our parishes be noted for the way in which members

 look after each other with care, respect, and joy.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the Christians throughout the Holy Land, and who today suffer great hardship, be supported by Christians from around the world so that they can continue to live there in the spirit of the first Christians.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are frightened, who suffer from depression

and other mental illnesses, take heart from the words of Jesus:

“It is I. Do not be afraid.”

Christ, hear us.

1. May students who are struggling at high school and are weighed down

with discouragement, find teachers who are supportive and who can

pass onto them a sense of hope in the future.

Christ, hear us.

1. May there be an end to the oppression in Syria, the war in Ukraine, the violence in Haiti, the suffering in Yemen and South Sudan so that

peace bring hope and new life to all.

Christ, hear us.

6. May Pope St Martin the First of the 7th century, the last pope to be

martyred for the faith, intercede for bishops in China today who are in prison or under house arrest, that they may be courageous.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, you love justice and right, and you fill the world with your love. Hear the cry of your poor and move the rich to be dedicated to act with true justice.

 Through Christ our Lord.