

Season of Easter : Sunday 2C

General Intercessions

Priest

Let us pray to God our Father, with Jesus Christ, His risen son,
that He will touch our lives, heal us of our doubts and restore our faith.

Reader

1. For Pope Francis, all bishops, priests and deacons,
and especially this weekend for our own Fr Geoffrey
as he celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood;
may God continue to bless him with deep faith,
and the ability to pass that on to those in his care.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For all members of our parish,
especially our young parishioners making their First Holy Communion;
that we will grow strong together in Easter faith,
and be faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.
3. For ourselves; that we will see and touch the wounds of the body of Christ
in the vulnerable people we meet;
may we strengthen their faith in Christ
by treating them with compassion and understanding.
4. For all who are affected by war or violence in any way,
especially the people of Ukraine;
that all world leaders will work towards establishing lasting peace and justice.
5. For all who are sick, especially in our own community,
that their faith in the risen Lord
may give them courage and comfort in their suffering.
6. For the faithful departed;
that the Risen Lord, who give us hope of eternal life,
will grant a glorious resurrection to all our departed relatives and friends.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ..

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God of everlasting mercy,
each year when the feast of Easter returns
you enliven the faith of your holy people.
Increase in us the grace you have already bestowed,
that we may understand more fully
in whose font we have been washed,
in whose spirit we have been reborn,
and in whose blood we have found redemption.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.