

Feast of the Holy Family

There is no homily this week, instead there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Marcus.

Copies are available at the back of the church.

Bidding Prayers for the Feast of the Holy Family

Celebrant:

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home in you. With these words of St Paul in our minds and hearts we turn to God in prayer.

Reader:

For the Church – that the Church will encourage all families to be ‘clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.’

Lord in your mercy

For those families who have had to flee from their homelands because of violence or unrest – that Governments will welcome them into their own countries, treat them with dignity and respect their human rights.

Lord in your mercy

For those families who suffer the loss of a child, either through death or estrangement – that they will know the presence of Christ and the love and support of friends.

Lord in your mercy

For those families who care for elderly parents and grandparents – that they will have the patience and strength they need in this wonderful example of love.

Lord in your mercy

For those whose who have died, all victims of violence, accident, natural disaster, and the Covid-19 pandemic all members of our own families and for Ellen Anderton, Trudi Gedzielewski, Lloyd Charters, Regina Cichowicz, Amy Powell, Pamela Daniels, Trevor Cave, and Maureen Goldstraw whose anniversaries occur this week – that they and all who have died may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your mercy

Either aloud or in silence we pray for our own special intentions...pause...then

Lord in your mercy

We ask the prayers of Mary as we say, Hail Mary...

Celebrant:

God our Father, in the Holy Family of Nazareth you have given us the true model of a Christian home. Grant that by following Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their love for each other and in the example of their family life we may come to your home of peace and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen