Season of Lent : Sunday 4C Mothering Sunday General Intercessions

Priest

At this favourable time, and on this day of salvation, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:

that Christians will live according to their baptismal commitment, and bring others to know God's unconditional love for them.

PAUSE to allow people to pray in silence — please count a full five seconds. Repeat after each intention. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**.

- 2. On this Mothering Sunday, we pray for our mothers who have given us life and love, and for all who take a mother's role; may we show them reverence and love.
- 3. For all refugees who have fled the war in Ukraine: may the people of Europe see the face of Christ in each of them, and support them in their search for a life of peace and freedom.
- 4. For the grace of forgiveness: that we will be open to God's free and generous forgiveness, and strive to forgive others as we ourselves have been forgiven.
- 5. For all who are ill: that God's renewing love will strengthen and comfort all who are facing surgery or who are in hospital.
- 6. For those in our parish community who have departed this life: may God bring them from the darkness of death to the dawn of new life.
- 7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

Priest

In a wonderful manner, Lord God, you reconcile humankind to yourself through your only Son, the eternal Word. Grant that your Christian people may press on towards the Easter sacraments with lively faith and ready hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.