

Commentator: Moving towards the final weeks of our Lenten journey, we gather to celebrate the amazing love of God for us, revealed in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each Mass is our opportunity to enter fruitfully into that great mystery.

Commentator leads: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop/Priest

Filled with confidence in the God of all kindness, we present our prayers.

For the Church to constantly preach the good news that God is compassionate and merciful.

For those who profess to follow Jesus to be slow to condemn and quick to show compassion.

For all who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter this year, particularly Cindy, Tammy-Lee, Dean and Kim, and for those who accompany them on their faith journey. (Pause) Lord hear us

For healing for those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially for those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

For the victims and their families, for health workers, and for the safety of those most at risk.

*We offer prayers for those who have died **Leo Coleman, Janet Clancy, Robert Cherry, Bernie Shanahan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Patrick O'Brien**.*

Bishop/Priest

God of mercy and compassion, hear the prayers we make this day in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.