

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

World Day of the Poor

Presider: In humility of heart, let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those living in poverty in our local community and around the world.
May Christ open our ears to their cries, our eyes to their reality,
and our hearts to respond with mercy and compassion.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us continue to pray for an end to the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine,
for the thousands of children who have been killed and injured,
for the release of all those held captive,
and for a willingness among leaders to talk rather than fight.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For our politicians as they prepare to vote on assisted suicide.
May they have the courage to embrace and uphold a culture of life,
and always work for the common good of all.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 Let us pray for those who care and accompany people facing their last days.
We remember especially all those who work in palliative care in our hospital,
in home visits, and in our wonderful local hospice, St Rocco's.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions.
For those who have died, especially Brian Plumb, Fr Dunstan Harrington
and all those on the Pious Lists.
For those we are remembering this weekend, especially Ken Armitage,
Lucy Finnigan and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Father,
hear our prayers
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.