

FEAST OF ST OSWALD, KING & MARTYR

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Presider: Gathered as followers of Jesus Christ,
let us pray to the Father for our needs and those of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who founded this community, prayed in this church and still join us in every eucharist from their place in heaven; for everyone here today and for those who can't be with us because of sickness or old age; for those who rarely come to church and all who look to us for help and hope.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For all those affected by the devastating wildfires.
We remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods;
those forced to evacuate, and the emergency services
who risk their lives to save others.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the people of Japan, who are not only dealing with the aftermath of a massive earthquake, but who will be remembering the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the Second World War this week.
For an end to all war and the use of weapons of mass destruction.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Maria Knight and those we hold in our hearts.
May they know the embrace of God
and enjoy the new life he has prepared for them in heaven.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
for the little ones who will be baptised this month and their families,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Una McQuaid, Clem Lawton 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: God of love and compassion,
you place in our hands the food of life.
Nourish us at your holy table,
that we may bear Christ to others
and share with them
the gifts we have so richly received.
Through Christ our Lord.