PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST: We who are baptised have died and risen with Christ. In the strength and joy of this new life, let us lift turn to the Lord with our prayers.

READER: For Francis our Pope, Declan our Bishop and all our clergy, that they may continue faithfully to lead us and guide us with wisdom and integrity. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy

- READER: For the gift of peace for our world that, in nations torn apart by the ravages of war or disease, people may be protected and peace and health restored. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who struggle with addiction, that God will free them, help them to find the assistance they need and restore them to their families. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For our own parish community, that we will exercise the gift of hospitality, recognising and welcoming all whom God sends us and reaching out to them in generosity and love. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who bear the cross of illness, isolation, loneliness or bereavement, that the Lord will bring them comfort, healing and strength. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God our Father, hear our prayers: grant that we may love you above all people and all things, and come to the eternal joys of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.