

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Priest:** The first reading teaches us that integrity is a name of God. Aware of our failings and our need of God's help, we offer prayers for our Church, our word and ourselves.

We pray for the Pope, the church, her clergy and all who serve within.

Lord, we pray for your blessing upon this body, that we may, in unity, continue to strive for what is good and pleasing in your sight.

**Lord in your mercy.....**

We pray for those in positions of power in our governments and our communities. Lord, we pray that you enable them to continue to make decisions that protect and positively benefit our communities and wider society, regardless of party politics and their personal opinions.

**Lord in your mercy....**

Lord we pray your safety upon our parish community and wider society. We pray that people exercise restraint and show common sense and consideration towards one another in the coming weeks, as the situation regarding new variants is monitored.

**Lord in your mercy....**

We pray for the ongoing Alpha course.

Lord, we thank you for the attendees, helpers and hosts and pray that all may leave the course with new found knowledge and strengthened foundations of your word.

**Lord in your mercy..**

We pray for our students, finishing their academic year and those awaiting their results.

Lord we thank you for your blessings so far and pray that you ease any anxieties they may have, in the knowledge that all things will work out for the best, in you and through you,

**Lord in your mercy.....**

We pray for the sick and dying of our community

Lord we pray that the dearly departed are received in your bosom and that those who are ill or mourn find strength in your promise.

**Lord in your mercy....**

Let us take a moment to reflect on our personal intentions.....

**Lord in your mercy....**

**Priest:** Lord of all, eternal Father, through your son you have revealed the true shepherd of your flock. May the prayers we have made unite us ever more closely. Grant them we pray through Christ our Lord.