Prayers of the Faithful 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B 17th / 18th July, 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Fr Thomas: Brothers and sisters, God provides for his flock. With confidence in God's mercy let us bring our needs before the Lord.

Reader: We pray for all those who have wandered away from Christ, may they be drawn back into his loving embrace.

Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines may proceed smoothly and equitably around the world and that poorer nations, will not be left behind. **Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all who serve in ministry: that God will bless their efforts, help them keep their lives in balance, and work through them to show a shepherd's care.

Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all the elderly who are alone and seek the tenderness of an embrace. May no one have to live in isolation, and may all receive a visit from an angel on the upcoming "world day for grandparents and the elderly".

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who are sick. May they be comforted through God's merciful love

Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember too, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

......Palma Kaali-Nagy, Eleanor Phillips, Terry Whelan, Adriana Bekkers, Jim Feeney, Margaret Haines, John Bekkers, Robert Whittle, Martin Pelgrim, and Jack Turner.

Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our own individual intentions (Pause)

Lord hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Thomas: God our Father, you lead us and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust with confidence that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.