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## SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

*The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.*

*A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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### FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Father Richard writes:**

I would like to start off my first newsletter of 2022 by wishing you a very Happy New Year. The Christmass season ends on Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Ordinary Time resumes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you to all who worked so hard at Christmass and the weeks leading up to it. It is always team effort and I am very grateful indeed. We have celebrated well and given glory to God in the liturgy for the joy of the Saviour’s birth, the Incarnation. Worship is at the heart of Chaplaincy life.

Thank you to all who organised the following happenings in the Chaplaincy and here are the amounts raised:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Christmass Cards         | €70.00  |
| Christmass Quiz night    | €155.00   |
| Tapas night              | €60.00  |
| Christmass Hamper Raffe  | €200.00   |
| In lieu of sending cards | €20.00  |
| 100 club                 | €900.00 (of which €300 has gone to Reach Out, some will be prize money) |

May God bless us all in the year ahead.

Your priest and friend,  
Father Richard

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**Our pledge on email use**

We will be **Correct**, **Considerate**, **Constructive**, **Collaborative** and **Concise**.

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**5Cs in 100 words**

- Correct.** What we write is correct. We put errors right and we do so as soon as possible after sending.
- Considerate.** We respect people's time and workload.
- Constructive.** We are polite, we check our drafts before we click 'send', and we avoid long email chains.
- Collaborative.** We include in emails all those and only those who are needed in the conversation. We are clear about who is expected to respond to a query or request, and who is copied in for information.
- Concise.** We keep our emails short. We use other forms of written communication for longer pieces (attachments) ... and we talk to each other!

**Sunday mornings...**

**Faith & Fellowship**

Refreshments are served outside La Siesta on Sunday mornings. Please stay and chat!

You are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink outside La Siesta – as we always used to do. If anyone would like to help, please contact Sue Maude [wardenlasiesta@gmail.com](mailto:wardenlasiesta@gmail.com) and donations of refreshments will be gratefully received. Please bring your own nibbles to consume as we won't be having the crisp bowl back!

## **DATES AHEAD:**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February is the seventieth anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne. There will be special prayers during the **1130 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist** followed by a **celebratory lunch** at the **Rendezvous Restaurant**. The cost for this will be €14,95 and needs to be paid, at the time of booking, to Peter or Jennifer please. It includes half a bottle of wine but not a gratuity. Father Richard hopes we can make this a very special Chaplaincy occasion.

### **FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY**

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy - this helps us budget more effectively.**

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.

Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

**Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell.**

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

BSAB ESBB / Capellana Anglicana de Torrevieja

**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied.

The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

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God bless you all for your support.

Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)

## **CHURCHWARDENS' NEW YEAR LETTER**

Dear friends

May we both wish you a very happy and peaceful new year. Can we first thank all who have worked so hard this past year to provide worship every week at La Siesta? From Father Richard with his continuous hard work through to the team that sets up the Church and cleans afterwards and of course Beth for providing the essential music. For anyone who has yet to return to worship in our Church, please think about returning. Everything possible is done to keep you safe and well. We really miss you, and if you still feel unsure, please remember the live streaming that is available to you.

We give praise and thanks to God for his many mercies in the past year and bringing us to this new year. Our thanks goes out to all the people who give generously each month by direct debit and Gift aid and also each week in the collection plate. It is because of your generosity there can be a continued Church of England Chaplaincy here and a resident priest. Your financial support, week by week, is essential. Please consider giving by standing order as we then can plan much better with this type of giving. We have to thank you all both here in Spain, the UK, and the Isle of Man for continuing your giving. We are also so grateful to thank Father Richard for offering to work on a half Stipend arrangement. This means he works part time thus saving us both stipend and taxes that we have to pay to the Spanish authorities for having a priest in the Chaplaincy. But we are still running at a loss and have been most grateful to the Diocese in Europe for giving us two hardship grants over the last two years and we have recently been informed that our request for a third grant has been successful. These grants have been given to various Chaplaincies across the Diocese in Europe as many are struggling financially at the moment.

Can we make an appeal please to not only give when you come to church but to put money aside for the collection for the times you are not able to be there? We would encourage you, please, for sustained and regular giving. The Chaplaincy is here all the time and we rely on you for that. Thank you.

We have managed to arrange some fund raising events this year due to the lifting of some COVID restrictions and we have to thank Liz and Sandra for their organisation of

their events to Joan for the 100 club and the hamper raffle run by Sue Brassington . Thank you to Sue and Jill for their ongoing marmalade, chutney and lemon curd making. Thanks to everyone one who has participated in any of the events, and for those who supported them We hope we haven't left anyone out.

For our Chaplaincy and all other Chaplaincies, COVID is the worst problem, and we cannot plan ahead so much as we would like, but we still have to raise funds to survive. It is no secret that if we had not had the grants we would not be continuing now. We give thanks that Father Richard has been given a new twelve month licence which gives us, as Churchwardens, the security which the Chaplaincy needs and allow us as Wardens the ability to plan ahead for another year. Please pray for all involved in the decisions this year that allow us to go forward in faith and thrive- Please remember we are always available to talk to you if you have any questions or need help and advice.

We continue in God's name.

Thank you once again.

Peter and Jennifer

Churchwardens



**Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd and Jill's Homemade Marmalade**

Sue Brassington is now selling homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Sue!

Jill Dorsett is received orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!



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**Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved. If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home. You will be recorded as attending for track and trace purposes.

**A STRICT 1.5 METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE  
IS IN PLACE. Please continue to observe this.**

# PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE AT ALL TIMES (unless medically exempt).

You will be shown to and escorted (when it is really busy) from your seat. Thank for your understanding and co-operation.

## THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | 1700                 |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January    | 1130                 |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January  | 1700                 |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> January  | 1700                 |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February    | 1130                 |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | 1700                 |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February   | 1130                 |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February | 1700                 |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March    | 1130 – ASH WEDNESDAY |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March       | 1130                 |

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

*"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."*

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April 2020. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.

**WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

|                                    |                           |                                |                                  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | 1700                      | Holy Eucharist                 | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January     | 1100                      | Holy Eucharist                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
|                                    | 1800                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January    | 1100                      | Holy Eucharist                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
|                                    | 1800                      | Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January   | 0930                      | Holy Eucharist                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
|                                    | 1800                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January | 1800                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January  | 1800                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January    | <i>No live-streaming.</i> |                                |                                  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January  | 1700                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January    | 1130                      | Holy Eucharist                 | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |
|                                    | 1800                      | Evening Prayer                 | <i>Live-streamed</i>             |



**The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

**Father Richard's Prayer List for January 2022:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:*

Justin Clarke, Cathy Neil, Dionne Simons, Michael Elliott, Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin, for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

**Please pray for the recently departed:**

*For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

*Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.*

**Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.**

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,*

*and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

or,

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

#### **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it**

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low.  
Let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30**

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant.

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small.

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill.

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take back your spirit, they die.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

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### **Second reading**

**Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

**He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**cf.Lk3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

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### **Gospel**

**Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

#### **'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

### **Homily**

Baptism is such a happy occasion when a child's birth is publicly celebrated and cheered, and here they are received into a larger family, the family of the church. In being received into our church-family, these children become our brothers and sisters in the Lord, sons and daughters of God, and temples of the Spirit. The joy of faith and hope is palpable, especially when the parents and godparents come up to the baptismal font and the water is poured over the head of the child by the celebrant. Each child is anointed before and after baptism with special *oil of catechumens* and the *oil of chrism*; the baptismal shawl is placed around

the child and the baptismal candle is lit. The whole occasion is uplifting in a way that is unique to that sacrament.

Of course, the majority of baptisms are of children, who are oblivious to what is happening around them. A big decision is being made on their behalf without their knowing anything about it. Yet, just as parents make all kinds of other big decisions for their children without consulting them, so they happily make this significant decision on their behalf. There is a story in the gospels of parents bringing little children to Jesus. When the disciples tried to stop parents doing this, Jesus rebuked his disciples and said to them, 'let the children come to me and do not stop them, for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs.' Parents continue to bring their children to Jesus today whenever they present them for baptism, because in baptism they are being baptized into the person of Christ; they become members of his body; Jesus begins to live within them through the Spirit. When parents bring their children for baptism they are making a decision for them that is very much in keeping with the Lord's desire. 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them.'

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. The day of Jesus' baptism was a watershed in his life; it was a day of new beginning. On that day he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people. On that day Jesus launched forth as the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. As he set out on that momentous journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favour, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Though Jesus was baptised as an adult and we were probably baptised as children, our baptism was also a day of new beginning for us. On that day we were launched on the great adventure of becoming disciples of Jesus in our own time. On that day, we too were given an assurance of God's love and favour, and we too were empowered by the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead of us. On that day we were caught up into Jesus' own very special relationship with God and we became a member of Jesus' family of disciples, the church. It is a moment of grace that has the potential to shape our lives in a very fundamental way, in a way that is in keeping with God's purpose for our lives.

Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong call. We spend the rest of our lives trying to carry out what it calls us to be. We were baptized as children but years later we personally confirmed the implications of our baptism. It is as adults that we say personal 'yes' to the Lord who has blessed us from the start. It may be as late as our twenties or even later that we adopt that 'yes' with all our heart and soul and mind. In those mature years we can more fully hear the call of the prophet Isaiah, 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty; Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.' From the moment of our baptism the Lord keeps guiding to us, and as the Scripture declares, that word "does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Like Jesus himself, today we turn our ears again to hear that baptismal call.

### **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The General Intercessions**

We bring our needs to God, whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.

1. For all the baptised, that we may take our Christian commitment seriously (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
2. For young people preparing for Confirmation this year, that their faith may grow as they await the Spirit's gifts (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
3. For all the adult members of this community, that they may be good examples of faith to young people (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
4. For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that their parents will teach them how to live Christian lives (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
5. For expectant mothers, and parents hoping for a baby, that their dream of a healthy child may become a reality (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.

6. For political leaders, that they may have wisdom in facing the challenges of today (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.
7. For our friends and relatives who have gone before us in faith (especially N and N), that they may pass from death to life (*pause for silent prayer*). Lord, hear us.

Loving God, your creative Spirit renews humanity and sustains us always: hear our prayers and continue to support us by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it unto me according to Thy Word.**

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,  
**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**