

21 April 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**  
**Prayer of the Faithful**

Priest: My dear friends, Christ is the Good Shepherd and those who belong to him know his voice. Let us pray to God that all men may recognise the voice of our Saviour.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops and priests. May they continue to be shepherds who guide us into the ways of righteousness and may we, in our turn, recognise the voice of Christ speaking through them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for unity of belief. May all come to believe that only through Jesus our Lord can we be saved with the help of holy Mother Church that he established. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for those in need of help. May we reach out to those in need and, by our faith in Christ and his power to save, bring healing and wholeness to our communities. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for all of us present at this Mass. May we always remember the love our Father has lavished on us, his children so that we may also love everyone as our brothers and sisters. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for Fr Janusz who celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination. May he continue to be shepherd and spiritual father to us his parishioners and may we in our turn redouble our prayerful efforts on his behalf, trusting in his leadership and sustaining him with love and encouragement. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for courage to trust in God's love, especially in the face of illness: Sr Louise Byrne, Josephine Ferraro Almo, Sandra Kirner, Henry Chau, Bob Hinson, Edward Gorzkowski. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for family and friends who have gone before us, may they find eternal peace in the Risen Christ: Michael Shiel, Aurelia Muscat, Marie Doherty, John Mercer, Fred Perera, Eva Sakrs, Arthur Budihalim, Abboud Sarkis.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Rosina Flammia, Celine John, Magdalena Helena Melati, Simon Husin Subakti.

Pray for the souls of the deceased parishioners of St Michael's, those who sacrificed their lives for our country, and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Most loving Father, we are the people that your Son made his own when he gave up his life on the cross. May we gather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.