

PRIEST

Dear friends, drawn together by our shared faith in Jesus, let us open our hearts to the gift of God's power and place our troubled world in God's good hands.

READER

1. For the First Peoples of Australia and the Torres Strait, that this week's NAIDOC celebrations will stir them to 'Keep the fire burning' and stay 'Blak, loud and proud.' (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
2. For our Elders in our Communities, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead us in maintaining the dignity and value of each person. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
3. For the gift of compassion that we may reach out to all who are oppressed, especially to all who struggle for equality and fullness of life. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
4. For all who are homeless this winter, that with the active help of individuals, communities and agencies they will find the shelter and support they need. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
5. For the sick, especially Fr Reece Beltrame, Stefanie Cremasco, David Butler, Brad Antrim, Cindy Tong, Karen Bell, Michael Zarew, Anthony Salviato, Emily & Aladin Bautista, Sara Collodetti, John Ryan, David Brett, Patricia Robb, Cassandra Tan and Julia. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
6. For those who have died recently, those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and departed family and friends especially, John Chisholm, Frank & Addie Callinan, Michael Sheedy, Jan Janus, Nicoletta Mascia, Elisabetta Staffa, Frank Ryan, Maureen Gunn, Barbara Lonergan, Kathleen Fitzgerald, and Frank Beltrame: May they share eternal life with all the Saints of God. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**

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God of boundless mercy, your Son lived among us in a human family that we might all become his sisters and brothers in spirit. Help us hear and heed his word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.