

Intercessions for The Second Sunday of Epiphany -Year C–16th January 2022

Gracious God, your Son Jesus began his ministry at a wedding celebration and through the miracle of the wine showed us the abundance of your wonderful love for us. May Jesus continue to transform the water of our everyday lives into the new wine of your kingdom on earth, transforming by his love the ordinary into the extra-ordinary.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Holy God, we thank you for for the sacrament of marriage that our clergy carry out here in our parish and the blessing of thanksgivings for anniversaries and renewals of marriage vows. May those so blessed grow old together in the knowledge that the best wine is saved till last and that Jesus is their companion on their journey through life together.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for our world and the problems faced by so many of your children. We think especially of the children in Afghanistan very little food and are without warm accommodation, We pray for all who live under the threat of war and terrorism and the poverty which comes in its wake. Govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and those in authority that they may act justly, honestly and according to your will.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for those we know who will be married during the coming year; be with them as they make their plans and give them patience and understanding when things are difficult. In their growing love for each other may they come to know you as the source of all love and help them to rejoice in their shared memories of joy and laughter, sadness and disappointment.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for those who have rejected you because they are ill and blame you for their afflictions. Help them to see the reality of your desire of wholeness and health for them. Enable all who are sick to pray for help for themselves and to give thanks for those who care for them. We have a short silence in which we remember the names of those requesting prayer

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Mighty God, through your son you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing. (add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Faithful God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**