**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As Jesus, the ‘ideal high priest’, lives for ‘ever to intercede for all who come to God through him’, we bring our prayers before our Heavenly Father.

1. For the Church: with Pope Francis, we pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter will find support in their community, and receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. **Lord, hear us.**
2. ‘Keep and observe what will make your prosper’. For all who seek to follow God’s commandments; may they be living signs of the nearness of God’s kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those who are struggling with the burdens of life and the expectations of others. May they find strength in the Lord who is their ‘rock, their stronghold, and their mighty help. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For Bishop Tom, and the priests of our diocese: may they be faithful in the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries, men of holiness, and faithful preachers of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For poor countries caught up in the oppression of debt, that wealthy nations will have the courage and generosity to free them from their bondage. **Lord, hear us.**
6. As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland, we give thanks for the gift of faith that has been handed on to us through them; may we faithfully witness to the faith we profess. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who are sick: grant them patience in their suffering, relieve their pain, and restore them to wholeness. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you are our strength and our protection. May we love you with all our heart and soul, mind and strength, and our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**