**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

With humility and faith, we now come before our God offering our prayers for all who are in need.

1. For the Church as it continues the work of synod this month; may the bishops, priests, religious, women and men of Christ’s faithful pray with sincerity, listen to each other, reflect in sacred silence, and walk together for the good of Christ’s Church. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For world leaders: may they cooperate in managing the world’s resources, prevent degradation of the environment, protect threatened species, and safeguard vulnerable peoples. **Lord, hear us.**
3. On this ‘Day for Life’; help us to realise the sacredness of human life and to respect and cherish it from conception to its natural end. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For parents: as they guide their children: may they know your will for their lives and follow it wholeheartedly. Help them to grow in faith and to seek you in all things. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who do not receive a just return for their work; that the work of all people be honoured, and all labourers receive a just wage to feed, clothe, educate, and shelter their family. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For our parish community: may we always strive to follow Christ with fidelity and harmony, living as children of the light. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the gift of Hope: that we may remain confident in God’s love toward us despite hardship, confusion, conflicts, and ill-spoken words against us. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died, that they may experience God’s loving mercy and be welcomed into the eternal banquet of the kingdom of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Merciful Father, you are our help and our strength. Open our hearts to your grace that we may always know, and do, your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**