**3 JANUARY 2021**

**INTERCESSIONS**

Almighty and Everlasting Father, we thank you for all that we have learned in the past year, 2020, and for enabling the global Scientists and Doctors, plus others in the Medical world to find various vaccinations to help in the cure of the COVID-19 virus. We thank Thee dear Lord for getting us through 2020 with all its difficulties and challenges and pray that the New Year 2021 will be a much better year for everyone.

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

We pray Thee Heavenly Father for our Church family and all those who worship at Holy Innocents and their families especially Father David, Mother Paulette, Jane, our Church Wardens and wider congregation and our local community. We also remember all other Christian churches around the World.

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen and all members of the Royal Family; also for our Government; grant them wisdom and guidance always in helping to make wise decisions.

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

We ask Thee Father to soften the hearts and minds of those in authority so that they can come to a decision regarding the homeless and all those in need to provide shelter and food for them.

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are ill and suffering from poor health; comfort and heal them dear Lord in body, mind and spirit especially **names** …… Give them courage and hope in their troubles.

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

We hold before you, Oh Lord, those who have recently died, or whose anniversary of passing falls at this time, especially **names**…….

Lord, in your mercy…… hear our prayer

Rest eternal grant unto them Oh Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

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