Intercession

Third Sunday of Easter

26th April 2020

***The Church of Christ***

Dear Lord, we come knowing that your dream is for change, which renews change, which enlivens change and casts out fear. Help us to live as those called to believe, serve and trust in you, respond to the call to accompany people as Jesus did, listening in love, explaining the scriptures and opening pathways to faith.

***Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority***

Lord, we see so many signs of a world in turmoil, where a pandemic exposes the raw greed and disdain for the weary, resulting in huge injustice all around our tired globe. In your mercy, we ask that you guide those in authority in all countries to work together to use our recovery as a catalyst for change and an opportunity to do right things for the future of our planet.

*Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer*

***The local community***

We ask for your blessing for Fr David, Mother Paulette, Jane, Debbie & Jacquie who continue pastoral care and love. We pray for those in Health Care, our first line responders and volunteers who continue to sacrifice themselves and their families for the sake of others. That families in this challenging time can renew bonds of love care and friendship of every family member and neighbours.

*Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer*

***Those who suffer***

Lord of all power and might, give us grace to trust you both in darkness and in light. In the face of danger and adversity, be our strength and hope, that we may be sustained. Give courage to all those who are ill, and all who are afraid for their future. Look with mercy, we pray, on those who are in pain that their sufferings may be lessened, or they may be strengthened to endure to the end.

*Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer*

***The communion of saints***

Dear Lord, we bring before you those who have departed this life in recent days or whose anniversaries fall around this time. Bring us all at last to the quiet haven of our hearts’ desire where, in the company of all the saints, you live and reign for ever and ever.

Merciful Father, accept the prayers for the sake your son our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**