**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 19th January 2025**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the abundance of God’s grace

 is symbolised in Jesus’ first sign of changing water

 into wine. We pray that his grace will be poured out

 over all in need.

1. For the Church being renewed in this Jubilee Year of Hope,

that all members will show an abundance of faith and charity

and so generate hope in others.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For renewed efforts to bring a lasting and just peace

to the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine, so that

hostages and prisoners are released and humanitarian aid

reached those is great need.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For relief for the people of Los Angeles,

that those traumatised by the extensive wild fires

will receive the help they need

and for the safety of the fire fighters and other first responders.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For families at this time, that through the intercession of Mary,

Jesus will bless them with joy,

and sustain with hope those in need or in difficulties.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For each other, that we will rejoice in the gifts of the

 Spirit, so that working in harmony

 we will witness to hope in this Holy Year,

 and so bring joy to others.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

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1. For those who have died in present wars across the world,

 in the Los Angeles wildfires and through road accidents,

 that they find joy in the Risen Jesus.

 We remember..

 Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: Hear our prayers, O God,

 sustain our spirits,

 keep us graciously from all harm

 and give success to the work of our hands.

 Through Christ our Lord.

 **Amen.**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 20th January 2025**

**St Fabian, pope and St Sebastian, martyr**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ is the eternal high priest,

 and through him we pray to the Father

 in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

1. May all Christ’s faithful, who have been given a share in his

priesthood, be sincere in their prayer.

Let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May those who share the ordained priesthood,

proclaim the word of Christ with fidelity.

Let us pray to the Lord.
 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May those who are suffering at this time,

and offer prayer with loud and silent tears,

discover that God is present to them in every difficulty.

Let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4 May those who honour St Sebastian as Patron: sports men and women,

 soldiers, local police, and all involved in neighbourhood watch,

will carry out their responsibilities with respect for others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6 May the election of the layman Fabian as Bishop of Rome in the 3rd

century, alert us to how the Spirit moves mysteriously and wisely in the
life of the church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly God,

you sent your Son among us as our High Priest

and we now share in his sacrifice.

We offer ourselves to you

with him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 21st January 2025**

**St Agnes**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My friends, God has promised to shower his blessings upon us. Made confident by that promise

we bring these prayers before the Father.

1. That all Christians may have an unfailing love and respect

for the Name of God and a sincere love for their neighbour.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That our Australian nation may rediscover the holiness of the Lord’s Day, and so spend time in giving thanks and seeking God’s help.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the relentless burden of war and violence in the Holy Land,

between Ukraine and Russia, in Sudan and Haiti will come to an end

through the dedicated diplomacy of people of goodwill.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the victims of human trafficking, in this month dedicated to their needs, along with the victims of domestic violence, know the prayers of St Agnes and so receive justice and healing, respect and support.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the people of Marrabel who honour St Agnes as patron

 find in her innocence a gift to be nurtured in their families.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal King,

you are full of compassion and love.

Bless us with those same gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 22nd January 2025**

**St Vincent, deacon**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Through our baptism we have been given a share

 in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

1. May every Christian treasure their share in the life of Jesus,

and live it in the service of others,

especially for the poor and suffering people of the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May there always be in the Church prophets of God’s Word

who keep alive a spirit of hope and fortitude

when we must face the darkness of scandal and doubt.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the Spirit continue to move in the hearts of all people

of goodwill, so that free of racism, every effort will be made

in bring peace to the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May this National Blood Donor Month bring blessings upon all who donate blood and those working in that field, that their giving will bring life to those in need of blood and its products.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the deacons of the Archdiocese be helped by the prayers and example of St Vincent, the deacon, who laid down his life for Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, stand close to all who suffer,

 give hope to those who are apprehensive,

 affirm with love all who feel unworthy.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 23rd January 2025**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

having been nourished on God’s word,

we now join ourselves with Jesus, his Son,

in the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

1. For the regeneration of the virtue and gift of hope:

may this Holy Year touch all people, so that disillusionment

with the state of the world is replaced by a life giving hope.

 Let is pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For Christians everywhere:

may we pray fervently for our unity around the table of the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all who are suffering sickness and disease at this time:

may Christ the Healer bring them peace and hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan,

and political stability in Haiti, Myanmar, South Korea, and Burkino Faso:

may violence come to an end so that people can rebuild their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For safety upon our roads, deliverance from natural disasters,

and comfort to the sick and grieving.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God, do not abandon the poor of our time,

 but grace all people with that commitment to justice

 which will ensure dignity for everyone.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Friday 24th January 2025**

**St Francis de Sales**

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, today, on the Memorial of St Francis de Sales, patron of journalists, there begins a three day celebration of the Jubilee of the World of Communications as part of the Jubilee of Hope.

1. That those who will participate in this Jubilee of the Word of Communications: journalists, media professionals, managers and editors of newspapers, Boards of Directors, video makers, graphic designers, copywriters, PR staff, social media managers, audio and video technicians, typographers, IT experts, will all gain a sense of the importance and responsibilities of their vocations.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who honour St Francis de Sales as patron: the students and staff of De Sales Catholic College at Mt Barker, the members of the Salesian Order at Gawler, Missionaries of St Francis de Sales working in our parishes, along with Journalists, Editors and Writers, that they may have a love for truth in all they do.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the Editor and Staff of The Southern Cross Newspaper and our Catholic Communications Office, along with those who prepare parish newsletters and Church magazines may be richly blessed in their work as

they communicate the message of Jesus.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the call of the apostles by Jesus will help us to appreciate our Christian vocation to witness to him with the same dedication and hope that marked their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the hundreds of journalists and photographers who have been killed

in Gaza, the Occupied West Bank, in Ukraine and Russia as they sought to bring the truth of war to the world, may rest in the peace of Jesus, our Truth.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, may your Son, Jesus, your eternal Word, live in us so that

 truth guides our lives always, for he is Lord, forever and ever.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 25th January 2025**

**Conversion of St Paul**

Celebrant: My friends, today we honour the great Apostle Paul

who took the gospel of Christ to the nations

and offered his life as a sacrifice of love.

1. That Pope Francis, celebrating Evening Prayer in St Paul’s Basilica in Rome this day with people from the World of Communications, will help them to be inspired by St Paul, the great communicator of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That as St Paul preached and wrote of Christ and his message,

so may he teach people of the Church working in the field of communications to also be faithful to his art of communication.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That missionaries, who like St Paul, take the message of Christ to those who have never heard his Name, may be urged on by the charity of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who reject, persecute, or ridicule Christians, may come to a greater respect for the basic human right of freedom of religion.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those in the Archdiocese who honour St Paul as patron:

the priest and people of Mt Gambier Parish and the students and staff of St Paul’s College, Gilles Plains, along with the nations of Malta and Greece, may be strong in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal God,

may the whole world come to know the saving love and Good news of Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, for ever and ever.