**The Universal Prayer**

**for the day of or day after the election of**

**the Bishop of Rome.**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers

 it is with great joy that we gather for this Eucharist

 celebrating God’s gift of a new Bishop of Rome

 and Universal Pastor.

1. We pray for Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

whom God has chosen to be a shepherd

of the people of God,

that he may receive an abundance of the Holy Spirit

and confirm the faith and hope of us all.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Church in every place,

that in the unity brought about by the Holy Spirit,

we may all be confirmed in our faith

and abound in charity.

Christ hear us.

1. We pray for the Cardinals who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have given us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be our Pope,

that God will bless them with inner peace, being joyful in their

continuing ministry.

 Christ hear us.

1. We pray for all who seek Faith, those in need of Hope,

and all desiring to live in Charity,

that the risen Jesus, present in his word and sacrament

and in the community of the Church, will reveal himself

to them.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father receive our prayers along with the joy of your people

 so that united under the care of Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 we may all advance in holiness and peace.

 Christ, hear us.

**Universal Prayer**

**for the Day of the**

**Installation of Our New Pope**

Celebrant Sisters and Brothers,

 in the joy of the election of a new Bishop of Rome

 and Universal Pastor, we give thanks to God

 for the gift of Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. We pray for Pope **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**

chosen by God to confirm us all in faith:

that he may strengthen our hope in Christ’s promises

and to lead us along the path of unity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Universal Church,

united around Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

successor of Peter the Apostle:

that as the pilgrim people of God,

we may all help build up the Church in charity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray with thanksgiving for Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

who takes on the mantle of the *servant of the servants of God:*

that with humility he will reveal to us

the tenderness of the Heart of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for our world, wounded by the sin of war and violence,

of indifference and contempt:

that a new hope, generation by faith,

will bring healing to broken lives

and the calm of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all who seek salvation:

that faith will be a sure path,

hope a steady light,

and charity the bond of fraternity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, you constantly watch over your Church

 and your creation;

 make us joyful in the election of Pope **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**

confirm our unity,

and help us to be sincere in all we do.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 11th May 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, as Jesus is revealed to us as the

 Good Shepherd, we celebrate the election of

 Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 who has now been called by God to shepherd the Church.

1. For Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that with his heart set

on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, he will be a true servant of all in the Church and an instrument of peace for all humanity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For the whole church, that with the election of Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, all will feel a joyful experience of hope

as the grace of this Jubilee Year is intensified.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world, that on this Vocations Sunday, we will pray that many young adults will hear the

call of Jesus to follow him into the priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For mothers across the nation, that as we celebrate Mothers’ Day,

they will be respected within their families, and that mothers struggling in the midst of war and natural disasters will be helped by our prayer and charity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For all who have gathered in Rome for the Jubilee of Marching Bands and Popular Music, that through their music they will express unity, bring joy to many and a generate a renewed sense of hope for all discouraged in life.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

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**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. For our departed mothers, and those who are the victims of domestic violence, war and natural disasters, that the Holy Lamb will lead them to springs of living water.

We also remember ….

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Loving Shepherd of your Church

 hold us all in your tender embrace,

 and continue to seek those who are lost,

 so that all may rejoice in your presence,

 you who live and reign forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 12th May 2025**

**Ss Nereus and Achilleus. St Pancras**

**Monday Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: We continue to reflect upon Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the Church.

1. May Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ settle calmly into

his ministry with the love of the Father, the friendship of Jesus and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

 **Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May those who do not believe come to understand who Jesus is,

so that he may lead them into the community of the Church.

 Christ, hear us.

1. May we rejoice in the universal nature of the Church

and welcome every member into our parish with no hint of discrimination.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Fr Selva and the people of Good Shepherd Parish of Clearview/Kilburn confidently place themselves under the Divine Protection of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Christ, hear us.

1. May we honour nurses on this International Nurses Day, that their dedicated work of healing and comfort will be valued by all

as we pray for them with thanksgiving.

Christ, hear us.

1. May nurses working in Palestine and Ukraine, Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Sudan be protected from all harm.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, in all our trials and tribulations

 look upon all who suffer at this time

 and embrace them in your love.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 13th May 2025**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: My friends, we continue to reflect upon Jesus

as our Good Shepherd, the source of eternal life.

1. That as the Church rejoices in the election of Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , we will respect his office and person

and pray for his welfare and peace of heart.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That there might be in the Church

a real missionary spirit

so that Jesus is proclaimed to the nations with great love.

Christ, hear us.

1. That all who carry the name ‘Christian’ may pray and work for

for the unity of the Church, and be generous in their service of others especially where there is persecution and danger.

Christ, hear us.

1. That world leaders will take seriously the needs of the people of Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Myanmar and Yemen, and work together

to bring an end to war and relief from suffering.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the request for prayer for peace, made by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, will be responded to today, especially in those places of war and religious persecution, natural disasters and famine.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, the world and all her people belong to you. Grace each person with your love

and show to them the compassionate face of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

**Wednesday 14th May 2025**

**St Matthias, apostle**

**Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends, we honour St Matthias, whom the Holy Spirit guided the early Christians to elect to be an apostle, following the death of Judas.

1. That Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , who like Matthias was elected to a new ministry by the community gathered in prayer, may find in his witness to the resurrection a sure model and inspiration for evangelization.

Christ, hear us.

 **Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the witness of St Matthias to Jesus, in his preaching and

 martyrdom, will be a source of encouragement to all Christians.

 Christ, hear us.

 3. That St Matthais, one of the patrons of those who live with

Alcoholism, will intercede for them so that they can live peaceful lives, free of addiction.

Christ, hear us.

 4.` That those who discern the suitability of candidates for the

priesthood, diaconate and religious life may do so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sensitive to the needs of the Church and their personal integrity.

Christ, hear us

5 That the people of the Holy Land where St Matthias was added to the company of the Apostles, will receive quickly the blessing of Jesus’ Easter peace.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, you hate violence and love justice.

Renew in our hearts the presence and power of the Spirit

so that we may be led in your ways.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 15th May 2025**

**Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus teaches us the true spirit of service.

1. We pray for the whole Church, gathered in communion around

Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that as he is proclaimed *servant of the servants of God*, so we will learn to be servants of others.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for every Christian, that in giving witness to Christ

they may not dominate others, but rather live with the humility

of faithful servants.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for people of Jewish faith whom God bound to himself

in a holy Covenant, that they may be faithful to the One God,

and love their neighbour as they have been commanded.

Christ, hear us

1. We pray for the grace to see Christ present in the poor and needy

of our world, so that we are moved to relieve human suffering

and loneliness.

Christ, hear us.

1. We honour this day on which the first public Mass was offered in Australia in 1803 in Sydney, that the Eucharist will be the source and summit of our Christian life.

Christ, hear us.

1. We mark this International Day of Families, which this year coincides with the first Catholic marriage celebrated in Syndey in 1803, that all family life may be honoured and celebrated across our nation.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 let your truth and love remain with us all,

 so that we can live our Christian life to the full.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Friday 16th May 2025**

**Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Jesus’ words from the Last Supper,

 which formed our Gospel today,

 have bought great consolation to many

 when read at funerals.

1. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort to Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

as he settles into his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May this International Day of Living Together in Peace become reality for everywhere there is war, violence and suffering, as we pray the peace of Christ upon every distressed person.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the Jubilee of Confraternities beginning in Rome today, be a call to holiness for their members and an encouragement to witness to Jesus

in the ordinary circumstances of their lives.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are mourning the death of a family member, friend,

or colleague at this time, trust in the word of Jesus who promised to return and take us to the Father’s house.

Christ, hear us.

1. May bishops, priests and deacons preach Christ crucified and risen

with the same enthusiasm and courage and clarity as did St Paul in Antioch.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, you have placed all creation under the authority of your Son Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to his example of justice and mercy for he lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 17th May 2025**

**Saturday Fourth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends, the Acts of the Apostles has reminded us

of the visionary spirit of Paul and Barnabas who made the choice to preach Christ to the pagans and so announce to them the Light of Salvation.

1. That Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will find in the Curia

at the Vatican a good spirit among the clergy and lay faithful, so that they will be faithful to him and serve the Church prudently.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the Church will never tire or fail to proclaim Jesus to the nations of the world, bringing hope, faith and love to many people.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the disciples of Jesus today will be filled with that same joy of the Holy Spirit as were the Christians in Antioch.

Christ, hear us.

1. That we will have a profound respect and love for the Father

whose love is revealed to us through Jesus, the Son of God.

Christ, hear us.

1. That this International Day against homophobia and transphobia will help eradicate prejudice and discrimination in society, and especially in the Church where we must honour the dignity of all people, created in the image of God.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, work through your Church so that the nations of the world may see the salvation you have offered to all people through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.