

Universal Prayer

4 October 2026

Presider: Trusting in the generosity of God, who tends us as a beloved vineyard, we bring our needs to the Father through Christ our Lord.

1. For all who lead the Church — that they may be faithful stewards of God's word, serving with courage and compassion. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**
2. For our nation and its leaders — that decisions reflect justice, truth, and care for the vulnerable. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**
3. For the peoples of all war-torn countries — that the violence which has torn communities apart may cease, and that the peace of Christ may take root. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**
4. For all in our parish who are anxious, overwhelmed, or feel forgotten — that the peace of God which Paul promises may guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**
5. For those who have drifted from faith, or who have never known Jesus — that through our witness as a parish, they may come to know and follow him. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**
6. For those who have died, especially those remembered in our parish this week — that they may be gathered into the eternal harvest of God's kingdom. **[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

Presider: Loving God, you have given us your Son as the cornerstone of all things. Receive these prayers and make us worthy of the vineyard you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[At the end of Mass]

Thank you to everyone who arrived early today to help us be a single body united in prayer from the very beginning. It makes such a difference to our whole community and celebration together. So, thank you!

Community Greeter | 4 October 2026 (Sunday 27)

Welcome everyone to St John's, as we gather on the lands of the Dharawal people.

- My name is _____
- Our celebrant is Fr John | Fr Richard
- Today God reminds us that his vineyard is entrusted to us, calling us to bear fruit through faith, justice and love.

We welcome **every guest** today, especially if you are new.

We are so glad that you are here with us!

☞ 1. If there is Music: ☞

Let us stand and prepare ourselves as one body as together we sing:

☞ or 2. If no Music: ☞

Let us be united as one body as we stand and pray the entrance antiphon together:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Penitential Act [Priest]

Before we celebrate in the love of the God who is always calling and inviting us, let us pause and acknowledge our need for healing and life. *[All pause for silent prayer.]*

Lord Jesus, you are the true vine in our parish community. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring peace to our anxious hearts. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the cornerstone in our daily lives. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and lead us to the life of the age to come. Amen.