

Universal Prayer

18 October 2026 | World Mission Sunday

Presider: Brothers and sisters, God who is mighty has called each of us by name. On this World Mission Sunday, with confidence, let us bring our prayer before the Lord of all.

1. For Pope Leo during this time of illness and for all church leaders, that they may shepherd us with wisdom and joy.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
2. For civic leaders, that they may promote justice and protect the dignity of all.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
3. For our local community, that neighbours from every culture may dwell in peace.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
4. For families facing financial hardship, that God's providence may grant them strength and relief.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
5. For our deceased loved ones, that they may rest forever in God's peace.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider: God of infinite goodness, grant these prayers according to your holy will, and bring us all to the joy of your heavenly feast.
Through Christ our Lord.

Community Greeter | 18 October 2026 (Sunday 29)

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 we gather to encounter Jesus,
who claims our hearts and calls us to live fully for God.

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:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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 image of the invisible God in our broken world:
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring peace to hearts burdened by worldly distractions:
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you claim our lives and restore us to your grace: 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.