

# Universal Prayer

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**12 July 2026**

**Presider:** Confident that God's word never returns to him empty, let us bring our prayers to the Father.

1. For the Church: that Pope Leo, Bishop Brian, and all who preach the Gospel may scatter the seed of God's word generously, undeterred by rocky or thorny ground.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

2. For all affected by conflict, poverty and disaster around the world: that they may experience the hope that present sufferings are not to be compared with the glory still to be revealed.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

3. For farmers and all who work the land: that their labour may yield a harvest of blessing for our whole community.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

4. For our parish community: that as we seek to know, follow and share Jesus with our neighbours, our hearts may be good soil for his word.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

5. For all who have died, and for those who mourn them: that they may be gathered into the eternal harvest of God's kingdom.

**[pause] We pray to the Lord.**

**Presider:** Father, you sow your word among us with endless generosity. Hear these prayers and bring to a fruitful harvest all that you have planted in 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 | 12 July 2026

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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
- God's word never returns empty —  
today Jesus shows us what happens when it falls into open and willing hearts.

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

***We are so glad that you are here with us!***

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

🌀 or if no Music 🌀

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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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### **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 seed of life in our stony hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring peace to our choked and anxious lives. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the fruitful harvest in our barren moments. 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.