

Universal Prayer

6 September 2026

Presider: Sisters and brothers, God appoints us as watchmen for one another. With confidence in the One who never stops seeking the lost, we pray.

1. For Pope Leo and Bishop Brian, that their ministry may echo the watchman's trumpet—calling the Church to reconciliation and hope.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
2. For all families in our parish navigating conflict, addiction, or estrangement: may they find the courage for the first conversation.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
3. For the young people preparing to be confirmed this week: may they continue to seek the power of the Holy Spirit in their daily life.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
4. For young people discerning their vocation—especially those considering priesthood, religious life, or missionary service: may they hear Christ's whisper.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick, the lonely, and those awaiting surgery in our hospitals: may they feel the Church's nearness through our visits and prayers.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
6. For our deceased parishioners, and all who have died in the wars and disasters of this year: may they rest in the peace of the resurrection.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider: Father of mercy, you hear the prayer of your watchful Church.
Grant these petitions 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 | 6 September 2026 (Sunday 23)

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
- Jesus teaches us the costly art of reconciliation—how love speaks truth, warns gently, and never stops seeking the lost.

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:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 watchman who never tires of calling us back. Lord have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the love that fulfils every commandment. Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are present wherever two or three gather in your name.

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.