

Universal Prayer

13 September 2026

Presider: Trusting in the Father's mercy, we bring our prayers before him.

1. For the Church throughout the world: that every diocese and parish may build cultures of vigilance and honesty.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
2. For families and neighbours divided by old grievances: that healing may come.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
3. For all who have been harmed: for healing of memory and body,
for communities that believe and support them,
and for the patience to grieve and rebuild in their own time and their own way.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
4. For those who are elderly, isolated, living with disability,
mental illness, or dementia, or otherwise at risk: that love may reach them
through our care, our visits, and our attentiveness.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
5. For those burdened by debt, addiction or resentment, that they find freedom.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.
6. For our beloved dead, that they rest forever in God's mercy.
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider: Father, hear these prayers, offered in the name of your Son,
our forgiving 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 | 13 September 2026 (Sunday 24)

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
- We gather as a forgiven people, ready to hear God's word and be sent to forgive as we have been forgiven.

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:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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 source of boundless mercy in our broken world.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring reconciliation to divided hearts and communities.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you release us from the unbearable debt of our sins.
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.