**INTERCESSIONS ADVENT 1 29 NOVEMBER 2020**

* WE give thanks for the Ordination yesterday and pray for all those beginning their calling within the Sacred Ministry. In particular we pray for Jo Amour as she continues her life with us in this Parish. Bless your servant Jo and all who were admitted to the sacred ministry, pour your grace upon them, that they may faithfully fulfil the duties of the ministry, and build up your Church, and glorify your name.
* *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer*
* We give thanks for all who are working to deal with the Corona epidemic and for all who have contributed to this and for all those who care for others and those who work to find a vaccine to overcome the corona pandemic.
* *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer*
* We pray for the current situation in our State: and that we will all play our part in following expert directions and encouragement of cooperation at this time of crisis management.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* Almighty and all-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those suffering from the Coronavirus in and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policy makers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to all in distress and a sense of calm to all of us in these days of uncertainty and distress. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown.

* *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*
* We pray for all Christians who suffer persecution and peril in their live.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* We pray for our broken world: particularly for all who have suffered because of oppression and violence; for peace to be restored and that love and mercy will overcome hate and violence. We pray for the people of USA as they go through a period of uncertainty during the transfer of Presidential authority to their new President. Especially we pray for people whose existence is in peril though persecution and violence. We pray for all who suffer and die because of political, religious or other discrimination; may love and peace overcome hate and violence.

We pray for all refugees that they may be treated with love and care.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* We pray for our world as the reality of global warming increases, and that we will all recognise the magnitude of this threat to our very existence and unite in response with every possible means rather than denial of this increasing peril.
* *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*
* We pray for world leaders that they seek the wellbeing of the peoples of the world rather than self- interest. At this time we pray for our own Parliaments, that we will be blessed with honest, open and fair government. We give thanks for all who serve the common good, give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust. We give thanks for our own land and the diversity of our people. Grant that we may honour one another that all may be enriched by our common heritage and freed from despair, poverty and exclusion.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer*.

* WE pray for the Church in Secondi West Africa, Bp. Alexander Asman; in Eastern Michigan, TEC, Bp. Todd Ousley. For the clergy and people of these places. (A) Somerton Park, Barbara Paul-Hunt (Andrew). (W) MU in the Diocese, President Lynette Pole, Secretary Jane Tanner, Treasurer Elizabeth Harris, Chaplain Wendy Cooper, members of the committee and all the clergy. (TM) Parish Mission Action Planning and The Diocese as it reflects on the future and direction of life in the service of the Good News. (N) Anglican Board of Mission Australia: John Deanne; National Council of Churches: Phillip Huggins (Elizabeth.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer*.

* We pray for all who are in need and for all who seek to help them. Especially we pray for: Virginia & John, Desmond, Jan, Rosie, Andrew, Leanne, Jorja & Emma, Adelaide , Zoe, Rosemary, Margaret, Paul, Jackie, Llyal, Daryl, little Elliot, Sidney, Margaret, Patricia, Chris, Janetta & Wayne, Susan, Jackie, Fay, Peter, Peter, Paul, Michael, Lesley, Norma, Joyce, Joyce, Don, Eden, David & Ben, Robin, Anna, Michelle, The St Jude’s Players, the work of Anglicare & ABM , Junior Jude’s families, Goodstart childcare staff and families, & all local church communities.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* At this time we pray for those expected to be ordained at this time, especially for Jo Amour, and that current uncertainty will still permit the ordinations at this time.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* Comfort and heal, we pray, all others who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or in any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness, and to us all, your peace.

*Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

* We pray for the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nicholas Ford; Ernest Hall, Henry Botten, Nancy McLeod.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our* *prayers:*

* Living God, we thank you for your vision for the whole creation and that you call us to share in your mission.

We pray that you grow your church:

Bring more people to faith in Jesus,

Deepen our trust in you and knowledge of you

Help us to serve and bless our community

And strengthen us to be generous with the money and resources you give us.

May we grow as disciples of Jesus and make disciples of others for the blessing of the world you love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

* *Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*