**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 15th June 2025**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Celebrant: Jesus bought to us the wonderful mystery of One God,

a Trinity of Persons. In the grace of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Christ, we pray to the heavenly Father.

1. That Pope Leo will lead the Church into that peace and harmony

which has its foundation, not in human effort, but in the Divine Unity and Love of the Holy Trinity

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That every Christian, responding to this month’s intention of Pope Leo,

 will find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus,

and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That today’s Jubilee of Sports in Rome will help all lovers of sport

 to develop the desire to support the “Momentum of Hope” offered by

 sport, especially among children, adolescents and young adults.

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That today’s World Elder Abuse Day will help all people to respect the

elderly, support them in their needs, learn from their wisdom, and

protect them from harm and exploitation.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the elderly, suffering so much across Ukraine, from the war in Gaza,

the destruction of homes on the Occupied West Bank of Palestine, in

Myanmar and Nigeria, will be a focus of our prayer today.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who have been baptized in the Name of the Holy Trinity

may enter God’s heavenly home, opened for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We remember . . .

Lord, hear us.

**Lord. hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Glory be to your Name, O Father,

 Glory be to your Salvation, O Son,

 Glory be to your Wisdom, O Spirit,

 Glory be to you, One Eternal God,

 now and for ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 16th June 2025**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: The instruction of Jesus, to offer the wicked person

 no resistance, is very demanding,

 and requires that we be open to his grace and mercy.

1. May those who seek revenge because of what others have done,

receive the grace to forgive, thereby entrusting the other to the justice and mercy of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we have that personal integrity which prays good things for others, never wishing harm upon any person.

Lord, hear us.

3. May we learn from Jesus how to be truly generous towards others,

seeking no personal reward, but rejoicing in his love.

Lord, hear us.

4 May those trapped in war and violence be granted the grace to

 retain their personal integrity, and seek from the Heart of Jesus

 the grace, in time, to be forgiving toward their enemies.

 Lord, hear us.

5. May we not neglect the grace which God has given to us, and show that we are God’s servants by our purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, spirit of holiness, true love and truthful living.

 Lord, hear us.

6. **Australia only.**

May today’s National Vegemite Day help us to rejoice in those foods

which are uniquely Australian.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, hear the prayers of those who groan in their misery.

 Have mercy on them and give them life and freedom.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 17th June 2025**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My friends, Jesus has taken us to the heart of his Gospel:

to love, even our enemies, to pray for those who hate us.

1. That Christians everywhere may resist the temptation to hate others

or to seek revenge on them, but rather to love them with the all-embracing compassion of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That we may be sincere in our prayer

for those who have hurt, offended or upset us.

Lord, hear us.

1. That cheerfulness may continue to be the mark of Christians

who are suffering persecution and intolerance from others, just as it was for the people of Macedonia in St Paul’s time.

Lord, hear us.

1. That this World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought encourage governments to take up this challenge as we pray also for rain for farming families and communities carrying the burden of prolonged drought.

Lord, hear us.

1. That on this World Garbage Collectors Day we pray gratefully for all

who are employed in this work, so necessary for the health of our communities.

Lord, hear us.

1. That in places of war and extreme poverty strategies to overcome the

disposal of waste will be achieved in order to overcome the spread of disease and especially dysentery among children.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, let your justice rain upon the earth

 so that the hungry are fed, the homeless sheltered,

 and the naked clothed.

 Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 18th June 2025**

**Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Our Gospel today was the same Gospel

 we heard on Ash Wednesday. The call to

 prayer, penance and charity is to shape

 our daily lives as Christians.

1. May Christians be generous in good works,

not for their own glory, but to the praise of the Heavenly Father.

Lord, hear us.

1. May prayer be sincerely offered in this Eucharist

and also in the quiet of our own secret places.

Lord, hear us.

1. May there be discipline in our eating and drinking so that there is a

healthy balance between things for the body and for the good of our souls.

Lord, hear us.

1. May our prayers, united with the prayers of anguish of the people of

Palestine and Israel, of Ukraine and Russia, of Myanmar, Ethiopia, and Sudan, rise up to God with great urgency.

Lord, hear us.

1. May our giving to the works of the Church and others charities be made

with cheerful hearts for such good deeds will never be forgotten by God.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

you are a light for the upright,

showing the path of justice

to all who seek truth and goodness.

Guide us in your way.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 19th June 2025**

**St Romuald**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, Jesus teaches us the true spirit of prayer, which has at its heart praise of God

and forgiveness toward one another.

1. We pray for a deeper reverence for the Name of God,

in television, films, on radio, through the internet and in novels.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray daily bread

for every person who is hungry today, especially in Gaza where the people face famine, and in countries experiences prolonged droughts

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for faithfulness to the will of God

in the daily circumstances of our lives.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for a genuine spirit of forgiveness

between peoples of different faiths and religions,

that together we may all seek justice and live in mercy.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that St Romuald, through his solitary life of prayer and penance, will remind us of the passing nature of this world.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray on this International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, that Government leaders, military personnel and civilians

will face honestly this criminal activity occurring in places of war and ensure protection for women, children and men.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 your works are justice and truth

 and your heart is full of compassion and love.

 Help us to live like you.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 20th June 2025**

**World Refugee Day**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: As we share this Eucharist together

we pray that we may value this Sacrifice and Sacrament as a great treasure of God’s love.

1. May those whose lives have become focused on material wealth and possessions come to understand that such things are passing,

and that God desires us to have spiritual treasure in heaven.

 Lord, hear us

1. May our hearts be centred upon the true treasure

of God’s love, justice and mercy, given to us through Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Christians radiate through their words and actions

the inner light of Christ, who is truth and compassion.

Lord, hear us.

1. May today’s World Refugee Day move the hearts of all free people to

to have the deepest concern for the millions of people around the world

trapped in poverty, homelessness, unemployed and with no education.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the refugees of Gaza, repeatedly moved from place to place, living

with no facilities, desperate for food and medical assistance, nowhere to go, separated from families and grieving for their dead unite us today in fervent prayer for them.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, look upon those who live with the afflictions

 of war and poverty, of sickness and despair,

 and bless them with hope

 through the love of Christ

 who is Lord, for ever and ever.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 21st June 2025**

**St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus teaches us to trust in the Providence of God who sees all our needs.

1. May we look with honesty into our own hearts

and conduct of life, so that, in this refugee week, our attitude towards them and our desire to be of service is purified in Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who are quick to judge others,

especially those who struggle in life,

learn to refrain from such destructive and cruel judgements.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we understand that when we experience weakness in our lives,

we can be made strong in Jesus Christ who endured the Cross for us.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those placed under the patronage of St Aloysius – the Richmond community, the Jesuit Community and people of Sevenhill, students and staff of St Aloysius College, all Catholic Youth, those living with HIV/AIDS and those who care for them, be inspired by his prayerfulness and his care of the sick,

Lord, hear us.

1. May youth who are refugees, denied education and struggling to have hope for their future, grieving separation from family and friends and death among their relatives, haunted by the memories of violence and destruction, feel the calm of the prayers of St Aloysius.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, receive our prayers,

 that all peoples may live under your peace.

Through Christ our Lord.