

**Prayer of the Faithful Sunday 14 September 2025,
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- Priest:** Let us come before the Lord in prayer, remembering the sacrifice of the Cross.
- Reader:** For our Holy Father, Pope Leo, our bishops and priests; may they witness to the cross of Jesus through their example of discipleship.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We give thanks for the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti and Blessed Carlo Acutis last weekend; may their lives inspire all young people to follow the gospel and love the Lord.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for the leaders of our country; may they be granted the wisdom and strength to lead for the common good of all people.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** On this Education Sunday, we pray for teachers and educators and we pray for our young people, for those in schools and in higher education; may they will find fulfilment in their learning and may the Holy Spirit guide them in wisdom.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for peace for the people of Ukraine, and for peace in the Middle East at this time. We particularly remember the children succumbing to sickness and hunger or have been killed.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For those persecuted for bearing witness to the Cross of Jesus; may God grant them strength and courage to stand up for the Faith and may we gain inspiration to do the same.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; Also, those who have died recently, especially Catherine Bamber, Marie McCulloch Michael Scahill and Peter Smith; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers. (pause).
We ask Mary to join with us in our prayers: Hail Mary ...
- Priest:** Father, we thank you for the gift of the Gospel. May we never fear to live by its inspiring message of faith, hope and love. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.