SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 23/24 APRIL 2022

Celebrant: Christ, the risen Lord, offers his gift of peace to all who come to him. With confidence, we offer our prayers for all those in need.

1 We pray for Pope Francis and the whole Church community: may the Spirit guide us to be faithful to the witness of the apostles.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our world, on this Divine Mercy Sunday: that all people will be blessed in experiencing the peace of Christ.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

- We pray for all among us who doubt the reality of the risen Christ: may they, like Thomas, come to believe. [pause] Lord hear us.
- In recognition of Anzac Day this week, we pray for all those women and men from Australia and New Zealand who lost their lives in the battles of the First World War. We pray for all who have fought on battlefields since then, especially those engaged in various places around the world today.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We pray for our faith community: may we, like the first Christian communities, be a community of faith, prayer, worship and loving service to others.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Mary Theuma, Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We commend to your love those who have died recently especially, Antonina De Maria and Helen Bagada (*pronounced Bayarda*) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially, Giuseppi Lamare, Mauro Aparo and Gina Scerri. May they share fully in the life of the risen Lord.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

Ever merciful God, hear the prayers of petition brought to you today. We ask this through Jesus, the risen Lord. Amen.