

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th/17th September, 2023

Welcome:

Good morning/good evening, my name is and I welcome you to Mass at St Mark's. Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus responds to Peter's question on how many times we should offer forgiveness. When we receive the gift of God's forgiveness and mercy with an open heart we become free to love and forgive others. This week end is the last week end there will be a second collection for the parish building appeal. Your donations to this appeal have been gratefully received. Please stand for the first hymn

Prayers of the Faithful:

Priest: Lord, confident of your help and forgiveness, we ask you to hear the prayers we humbly bring before You.

Reader: We pray for the Church, that we who are God's people, may faithfully witness to God's love, mercy and forgiveness through our words and our deeds.

(pause). Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God will free our hearts to forgive others as God forgives us.

(pause) Lord Hear Us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: That families torn apart from anger will work towards forgiveness and healing.

(pause) Lord Hear Us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: That God will turn hearts from violence and increase our desire to seek the good for each person. (pause) Lord Hear Us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God's healing spirit will bring wholeness in mind and body to those who are sick.

(pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those approaching death may cling to the faithfulness and mercy of God as they pass into life eternal. (pause) Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God, creator of the universe, You love us and all your creation without limit or reserve. Let us spend our lives loving You and our neighbours in Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.