

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024**

Welcome:

**Good morning/evening my name is..... and I welcome you to Mass at St Mark's. Today is the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Scripture readings remind us that our response to God's law should come freely from our hearts. This week end is also a time that we pray and give thanks for the fathers in our families. Please stand for the first hymn.**

Intercessions:

**Priest: Brothers and Sisters, with confidence in God's love and mercy let us intercede for our needs and the needs of the world.**

Reader: That with pure hearts the Church will observe the commandments of the Lord. *(pause)* Lord hear us:

Reader: That people of all faiths use the Season of Creation as at time to remember, respect, pray and act for the good of all creation. *(pause)* Lord hear us:

Reader: That we may work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's creation. *(pause)* Lord Hear Us.

Reader: That fathers and grandfathers will be blessed with wisdom, tenderness and patience. *(pause)* Lord Hear us:

Reader: That the sick and the housebound will take heart that God is always with them in their pain and sorrow. We remember in prayer all those in our parish who are sick. *(pause)* Lord hear us:

Reader: That the faithful departed will reach their eternal reward. We remember in prayer our fathers and grandfathers who have died. *(pause)* Lord hear us:

**Priest: God of justice and mercy, your law guides our hearts in the path of holiness. Hear our prayers and may our words be matched by our loving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**