

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Personal Intention
Tues 10:00am Fr Ray Blake RIP
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Dolores Huercano RIP
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 6:00pm Annette Bernard RIP

Sun **No 8:30am Mass**

10:00am Peace in the world

12:00noon People of the Parish

Fr Francis

The reassuring words of Our Lord;
"Courage, it is me! Don't be afraid"
allayed the fears and brought joy and confidence to the frightened disciples. By stepping out of the boat, Peter demonstrated at least some degree of the realization that Jesus is the Messiah and Lord, hence his desire to walk towards him, on the water... *"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you"*. In today's Gospel Jesus wants to empower his disciples and us to face the challenges of the discipleship and the recurrent storms of life. Peter's faith was both tested and strengthened. To experience our Lord's support in our modern times, we (men and women of little faith!) need to respond moment by moment... And yes, sometimes you have to jump out of the boat/ box, think outside the box and, if need be, without the box! As long as it is for the good of the neighbour in need, the good of the church and society. With St. Paul in the letter to the Romans: *"I do these without pretence, as my conscience testifies for me in the Holy spirit"*, we can and should follow suit. Finally, remember, Elijah went as instructed. He eagerly waited.....God is not in the noise!

"Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,

*You walk through our streets and squares,
enter tall buildings and humble neighbourhoods,
and silently accompany millions who seek meaning amid noise and haste. You know, Lord, the heart of the city: its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.*

*We know that cities are called to be places of freedom and opportunity, but they can also become spaces of anonymity and isolation. That's why today we ask you for a renewed gaze,
able to discover in urban life fertile ground for proclaiming your Gospel. Give us a creative and deep faith, that doesn't remain in words, but becomes flesh through simple and loving gestures.*

Make us a Church that goes forth, able to reach out to the peripheries, to console those who are lonely, and to sow fraternity and connection instead of giving in to indifference. Lord, may our urban communities be open and welcoming homes, places where hope is shared, where no one feels invisible, and where the joy of your Gospel shines in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters.

Make us your witnesses in the city, bold and creative missionaries, who proclaim your love with their lives—a love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity. Amen."

An original prayer written by Pope Leo specifically for this month's prayer intention:

*A gem cannot be polished without friction,
nor a man perfected without trials*

Seneca