

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart. ¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



INTENTIONS

We pray for Year 12 students who commence their final examinations in the coming weeks – grant them peace of mind and clarity of thought.

We pray for school communities who are supporting these students during this stressful time – fill them with Your strength and wisdom.

We pray for all young people who are not only our future, but our now.

For what else shall we pray.....

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we give thanks for the life journey that all our final year students have been navigating. We ask that you continue to guide them in being people who work for social justice and peace. Lord, help them to continue to be resilient and adaptable in dealing with the challenges that they may encounter throughout their lives. Amen.

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.



WE REFLECT

Pope Francis acknowledges that the Church needs to encourage dreaming of and working for tomorrow, starting today. "You, dear young people, are not the future, but the now of God... He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realise the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you." (20 March 2019)

What is your dream for the future?

Pause for a moment to reflect on this question.

WE RESPOND

All the people and events of life offer an opportunity to encounter our merciful God. Perhaps we meet God most closely when we are vulnerable and hurting or when we stand by our word despite the cost to ourselves. When we give thanks for the gift of life, when we heal relationships, when we offer and receive forgiveness, when we celebrate the Eucharist and share the Word - all can be moments of grace to meet and know God.

- Water from the Rock #57



Our World, Our Future by Tongbram Mahesh Singh

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, in these times of great uncertainty, we ask You Lord to continue to guide the Graduating Class of 2020 in being the hope and the light of the world. May they use their gifts, talents and goodness in being a voice for the marginalised. Remind them that they play a fundamental part in building a world based on equality, love and fraternity, becoming brothers and sisters in "creating one new humanity" (Ephesians 2:15).
Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

*Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another*