

Prayer of the Faithful 3rd Sunday OT 25/26 January 2025

1. For preachers and teachers of God's word, that the Spirit and Life of the scriptures they break open will renew the faith of those who hear them, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.
2. For all who dwell in this land, that Australia Day will provide an opportunity to give thanks for our blessings, reconcile our differences and recommit ourselves to work for the common good, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.
3. For the people of Gaza, that the ceasefire will allow humanitarian aid to reach those most in need of food, shelter and medical care, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.
4. For the many millions of Christians and members of other religions who are persecuted for their beliefs, that they will be kept safe and have the strength to remain faithful, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.
5. For children and teachers returning to school this week, that their enthusiasm for the adventure of learning will remain strong through the challenges of the year ahead, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.
6. For this parish, that the different gifts of the Spirit given to each member will be used to build up the community, bring good news to the poor, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, *(pause for silent prayer)* we pray to the Lord.