**Prayers of the Faithful**

 **29th December 2019**

**Priest:** On this feast of the Holy Family, mindful that we are God’s children, brothers

 and sisters of one another, let us confidently make our prayers.

**Reader:**

1. For the Church, the body of Christ,

sanctified by God and scarred by the sinfulness of its members.

May God grants its renewal during this holy season.

**LORD**, hear Us

1. For the family, the domestic Church,

That it may be protected in our laws and by the sinfulness of its members.

May God’s providence contain the efforts of those who would

Deconstruct the family as the privileged for the rearing of children.

**LORD** hear us

1. That families broken by addiction, crime or cruelty

may know God’s healing presence,

and that St Joseph may intercede for all Christian fathers.

**LORD** hear us

1. For the Strengthening of marriage,

May the Lord bless all married couples

and all those preparing for marriage.

**LORD** hear us

1. For all the dead, that they may share in the peace of Christ.

May the prayers of St Joseph, patron of the dying,

Support those nearing the end of their earthly pilgrimage.

**LORD** hear us

1. **We pause for our own prayers……………………… (5 Sec. Pause)**

**Priest: We pray for the dead………………………………...**

Bless us, our community and our families, heavenly Father, as we confidently

Make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen