PRAYERS IN TIME OF COVID-19

Parishes with church bells across the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have been asked to ring their bells five times each day, following the prayer intentions below. The faithful are also invited to join in these intentions as we unite in prayer during this time of pandemic.

9AM — Prayer for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick;

We pray for the elderly who have contracted the COVID-19 virus. Through the intercession of St Joseph Comfort of the Afflicted, may they receive the due care and honour that their human dignity deserves. Lord Jesus, let them be seen! In Your name, we pray.

12PM — Angelus prayer for health professionals, clergy and all those caring for the sick;

We pray for all Religious ministering to those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus. Through the intercession of the Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, may they be free from the fear of contagion and serve the sick with courage anew. Lord Jesus, grant them Your protection. In Your name, we pray.

3PM *Prayer for the unemployed, financially stressed, isolated or lonely due to COVID-19;*

We pray for those who are feeling abandoned at this time. Through the intercession of Our Mother Mary, may they know the love and nearness of the Lord, their family, and the Church at this time. Lord Jesus, be their sure comfort! In Your name, we pray.

6PM *Prayer for the people of Australia and especially our political leaders and health authorities;*

We pray for the Premier of NSW. Through the intercession of St Thomas More, may her decisions always seek the good of the people of this State and be free from ill-meaning influence. Lord Jesus, grant her wisdom! In Your name, we pray.

9PM *Prayer for those who have died from COVID-19 and their families.*

For priests who minister to the dying especially at this time. Through the intercession of St John Vianney, may their priestly ministry prepare the dying to meet their Lord and Maker in the life to come. Lord Jesus, give them Your heart! In Your name, we pray.