

Sunday 11 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prayers

We pray for the family of the Church,
for loving relationships,
and for the life of families around us.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee,
be with families today who are poor
and live in hunger and want. We pray especially today for the people of
Gaza and all the aid agencies working to provide relief. We pray that the
leaders of nations may work together to produce a just and lasting peace.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you grew in wisdom and in favour with
God and the people
in the family of Joseph the carpenter,
bring wisdom and the presence of God
into the work and growth of families today. We pray for all our young people,
especially those faced with exams.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you blessed marriage in the wedding at Cana,
be with those preparing for marriage
and with those who come to the end of
their resources.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you healed Peter's mother-in-law,
bring healing to those in our families who are ill today. We bring before you
especially Jenny and Ken Hornett, Alfred Johnson, Jan Barker and Jennifer
Allan.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary and John to
care for one another.

Provide today for those who lose their families:
the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows. We pray especially today
for the family and friends of Patricia Guerrier and Phil Cook. From our
memorial book we remember and give thanks for the life of Sylvia Chislett.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you ate breakfast on the beach with
your disciples
after you were raised from the dead,
bring the whole Church on earth and in heaven
into your risen presence to eat at the eternal banquet.

Jesus, Lord of love,
**in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers and be with us always.
Amen.**