PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRIEST: Jesus said 'no-one can come to the Father except through me.'
We unite ourselves with Christ and make our prayers
to God our Father in his name.

READER: **For all who are called to lead the Church,**
for Leo our Pope and Bosco our Bishop,
that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and strengthen them.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For those in public office; that they may show special care**
for the weak and vulnerable members of society.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For those who have drifted away from the Church that,**
inspired by the words of Peter, the Church will offer,
with compassion and conviction, Christ's message of eternal life.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER**:** **For all who share the Eucharist with us this day,**
that their faith and trust may be strengthened
as they are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For the sick and the housebound, the elderly and the lonely,**
that the Lord will bring them comfort, strength and healing.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For all our brothers and sisters who have died that,**
having eaten the Bread of Life, they may share in eternal life.
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;
forgive our failings, keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.