

ing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world. Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers. *Pray for Malakal - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Garang Deng; Malakal - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd Peter Gatbel Kunen; Malakal - Bentiu Area - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd John Gettek; Malakal - Pariang Area - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd David Kiir Mayath (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 26-TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Gracious God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the Church. We pray that as we gather around the Lords table, may we be transformed by the grace of Christ. We pray that today we may be a living sacrifice for those who need to know the truth of your life-giving Gospel. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. Help us to share the risk and challenge of living our faith, by your Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Grant to us the strength to turn our face toward Jerusalem to bear our cross, so that your glory and love and mercy may be revealed. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *Pray for Malek - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd Peter Joh Mayom (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 27-George Herbert, Priest, 1632

CHRIST THE KING: ROCKLANDS

God of peace, thank you for your unfailing love shown towards us. Make our church a community of the gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our country, eradicate all violence, corruption, socio and economic challenges that we are constantly faced with. Help us, Lord to understand what your will for us is, in the confusion and unrest of our times. Give us insight to distinguish between the signs of your spirit demanding change and between and signs of human greed and lust for power that we may be your fellow workers in creating order. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer. We pray for Father Stanton and Fr. Patrick and their families. Thank you Father for your abundant blessings upon them. We pray for the Wardens and Parish Council and all members of the congregation. Thank God for the blessings He richly showers on us. 2017 marks the year of our 35th anniversary. We pray God's blessing on the events planned for the year. We also pray for our upcoming vestry, praying that God's will may be done. We pray for our Ordinands Craig and Enrico, together with their families, as they support these candidates discerning their vocation. To all who suffer in any form or nature, give courage, healing and a steadfast trust in your love. *Pray for Malindi - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Lawrence Dena (ACP)*

TUESDAY 28-SHROVE TUESDAY

Father, we are grateful for the kindness and generosity you show us every day and we ask that you help us to see those around us in the same way you do - as loved and treasured people. Conform our hearts to be like yours and activate our hands by your Spirit at work within us, so as to participate with you in showing kindness and generosity to others today. *Pray for Manchester - (York, England) The Rt Revd David Walker; Manchester - Bolton - (York, England) The Ven Mark David Ashcroft; Manchester - Middleton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Davies (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

The Archdeaonries of Breede Valley and Caledon to submit their prayers by 6 February.

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PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

God is always with us; why should we not always be with Him.

ARCHDEACONRY OF MITCHELL'S PLAIN

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-4 February

- 2 Guild: Servants of the Sanctuary Exe
- 3 B/Downs Arch Clergy/Spouse Fellowship
- 4 Ordinands Tutorial Day
- 4 Helderberg Layministers Co-ordinators meeting

WEDNESDAY 1

O Jesus, Good and Gentle Shepherd, grant that the men and women from our community, may have the grace and the courage to hear and answer your call to the priesthood and religious life. Give them the wisdom to realize that life is a gift. Let them realize their life is part of your plan. Call forth those you have chosen to spread the Gospel message, and help them to freely respond to a life of service in the Church. May the parents and families of our parish, support and encourage our young men and women to search for, follow and answer the call of God in their lives. *Pray for Litoral Ecuador - (XI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alfredo Morante (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 2-THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens. Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation.) *Pray for Liverpool - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Bayes; Liverpool - Warrington - (York, England) The Rt Revd Richard Finn Blackburn (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 3-Anskar, Bishop and Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 864

MITCHELLS PLAIN ARCHDEACONRY

Dear God, we pray for the Archdeaconry and all who serve and worship in this area. As we start this new year, we offer all our plans to you, praying for your guidance and blessing on them. We give thanks for the ministry and impact made by Fr. Lundi Joko and Fr. Richard Dunsdon, as they prepare to move to the Parishes of St. Peter Khayelitsha, and Robertson respectively. We ask you to continue to bless them as they exercise their ministry in new areas. We pray for the Parishes of Westridge and

Portland during their interregnum. Bless Bishop Margaret and Chapter as they discern who to place at these Parishes. God, Creator of all good things, we pray for the continued growth experienced in Eastridge, and pray for the Congregation of Christ the Good Shepherd which was declared a Chapelry of Christ the Mediator, Portland. Dear God, we rejoice with all our Matriculants who were successful, and also pray for those who did not make it. Jesus, friend of all, help all our young people to make choices that will be to their benefit. Be with those who are seeking opportunities for tertiary education, and employment at this time. Open doors and send the right people along their way. Renew our hearts, thoughts and whole being, Lord God, as we strive to be your ambassadors in a world that is yearning to get to know you more and more. *Pray for The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff Assistant Bishop of Llandaff - (Wales) The Rt Revd David Wilbourne. (Anglican C of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 4-Manche Masemola of Sekhukhuneland, Virgin and Martyr, 1928

We pray today for all suffering, broken and forlorn people around us in church and Community. Help us all in times of trial and suffering to bear ourselves with courage and fortitude and refrain from bitterness. May we not be discouraged by disappointment or defeated by failure. Lord the needs of some people are great and obvious: those with nowhere to live; those who are ill; those who have no food; but there are other people whose needs we sometimes overlook; the mother worried about her children; the man who has problems at work; the child without friends. Help us to be more caring and loving, and do not let us be indifferent or hard hearted to anyone's troubles however large or small they may seem to be. *Pray for Lokoja - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 5-11 February

- 5 St Matthew Delft Vestry
- 5 St MMagdalene Guild Exe
- 6-12 Mothers Union Family Week (Leap of Faith)
- 6 M/Plain Arch Chapter @ Rocklands
- 7 B/Downs Arch Chapter @ Cloetesville
- 7 Kalk Bay Arch Chapter @ Lotus River
- 7 Caledon Arch Chapter @ Hawston
- 7 Helderberg Arch Chapter @ St Peter's Khayelitsha
- 8 St George Kuils River Vestry
- 9 DFB/DTB
- 9 Helderberg Arch Council @ St Francis Khayelitsha
- 9 Kalk Bay Arch Council @ Ocean View
- 10 Breede Valley Clergy/Spouse Fell. Worcester
- 11 CLB/CGB Regimental Council
- 11 St MMagdalene Guild Opening Sibanye
- 11 SocDev Parenting Workshop
- 11 Post Ordination Training
- 11 AWF Council @ Grassy Park
- 11 Caledon Arch Council
- 11 Diocesan Confirmation Conference

SUNDAY 5-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Special Day of Prayer: Education Sunday

Loving and gracious Father, Thank you for all those men and women who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. We give thanks for the invaluable work of all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and we pray that they may continue to work in support of our schools. Thank you for all those who lead our schools. May they be people of

tion of freedom, justice and peace in the world. The inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundations of freedom, justice and peace in the world. May we find the strength to protect and plead the cause of the stranger among us, to ensure just treatment for all who dwell in our land. *Pray for Maine - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Stephen Lane (ACP)*

WEDNESDAY 22

Lord Jesus Christ, send forth your Spirit of love and truth on the bishops in synod and on all who assist them in fulfilling their task. Make them more faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches; stir their souls and teach them truth by that same Holy Spirit. Through their work, may the faithful of their Churches be purified and strengthened in spirit, so that they might greater follow the Gospel through which you accomplished salvation and they might make of themselves a living offering to the heavenly Father. *Pray for The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamb (ACP)*

THURSDAY 23-Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and Martyr, 156

PRAYERS FOR LENTEGEUR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

We thank God for the management of LPH and pray that God will continue to give them wisdom as they manage the institution. We thank God for all the staff as they diligently care for the patients at the hospital. We pray that God will continue to give the staff the spirit of patience, understanding and compassion as they care and minister to the patients. The management, staff and patients appreciate the ministries in the community as they strive to make a difference in the lives of the patients. We thank the many AWF groups who have adopted a Ward and minister to patients on a regular basis. We pray that God will bless them in their ministry. We pray for the Rose Parents as they take on the responsibility to care for patients in their homes. Our prayer is that God will bless them abundantly with good health and peace. We pray for all patients that they will find peace in the risen Christ. We also pray for the families of the patients who many times struggle to care for the patient. We trust these families will find hope and peace in Christ. We pray for the Chaplain, Revd. Desiree Jackson and her family. We pray God will give her strength and wisdom as she strives to be a beacon of hope to the staff and patients as LPH. *Pray for Makueni - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kanuku (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 24

Father God we pray that orphans may be placed in the care of godly men and women. Let the orphans know of Your care. Bless those who care for them. Remind them of your love when they're prone to doubt. Instil in them confidence they lack. Show them Your love through loving adoptive parents. Provide their needs abundantly. Grant the godly desire of their heart today. Don't allow them to give up hope and give them a sense of pride in who they are and bless them today with the hope of tomorrow. We ask this in your loving name. Amen *Pray for Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu; Assistant Bishop of Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Alfred Hou (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 26-28 February

- 26 Mothers Union Council Meeting Delft
- 26 CMS Council @ Bredasdorp
- 26 M/Plain Christian Educ Gen Meeting
- 26 St Peter Kleinvele Vestry
- 26 Christ the King Rocklands Vestry
- 26 St Paul Philippi Admission PCC
- 26 B/Downs Liturgical Dance Cel Wemmershoek

28 SHROVE TUESDAY

SATURDAY 25

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed. Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; free the exploited and oppressed; may all find dignity and just reward in their work. Upon the produce of the earth send a bless-

their hearts and minds, so that they may grow in their own faith, and wisdom, as they meet and share; discuss, debate and decide. May they have ears to hear what God is calling them to do and be at this time. May they be bold in provoking one another to love and to do good deeds; may they not be overwhelmed by the many challenges they face, but address them honestly, and put their confidence in God, whose church this is. We pray also for the safety for all who travel; may God graciously hold them safely in being, every moment of their existence! Pray for all to be confirmed today at St Augustine's Lotus River. *Pray for Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean Claude Andrianjafimanana*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 19-25 February

- 19 Confirmation: St Augustine's, Lotus River
- 19-25 SYNOD OF BISHOPS
- 19 Mothers Union Exe Meeting Delft
- 19 St Francis Strandfontein Vestry
- 19 Christ the Redeemer Westridge Vestry
- 19 Annunciation Woodlands Vestry
- 19 St George Kuils River Admission of PCC
- 19 All Saints Belhar Vestry
- 19 CMS Exco @ Faure
- 19 Christ the Reconciler Tafelsig Vestry
- 19 St Paul Philippi Vestry
- 19 St M Magdalene Belhar Vestry
- 21-23 Breede Valley Clergy Retreat Temenos, McGregor
- 22 St M Magdalene Belhar Admission of PCC
- 23 M/Plain Arch Lay Training
- 24 Helderberg Clergy/Spouse Social
- 24-26 SocDev GBV Workshop Arniston
- 25 Fellowship of Vocation
- 25 SocDev Board Meeting
- 25 B/Downs Arch Lay Training Day
- 25 AWF B/Downs/Held Archd. Workshop B/heath

**MONDAY 20-Mother Cecile of Grahamstown, Religious, 1906
CHRIST THE MEDIATOR, PORTLAND, WITH CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD, EASTRIDGE**

Gracious God we give you thanks and praise for gracing us with yet another year 2017. Thank you for both the high and the low tides of 2016. You show us every day that you are a forgiving God full of Grace and Mercy. We thank you for the Ministry of our Priest Fr. Richard Dunsdon over the past 2 years and 2 months. We pray your blessing upon him as he takes leave of our Parish to take up the position as Rector of The Parish of Robertson. We thank you for our Wardens, Parish Council and administrator who worked so well together with the clergy to keep the daily operations of our Parish smooth during the months of interregnum. We pray for all organisations who will be continuing their ministry for 2017. May you dwell in their hearts as they minister to your people in this part of your vineyard. We pray for all educators and learners who began their new academic year. We pray your blessing upon our Parish program for the year and that we may always be aware of your presence within and around us as we continue to journey on in this road called life. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for Maiduguri - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Kana Mani; Makurdi - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Nyitar Inyom (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 21-Missionaries and Martyrs of Africa

Help us to uphold the values that are so central to whom we are: human beings created in the image of God. Help us to recognize that the inherent dignity of all members of the human family is the founda-

integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Help us to pray without ceasing, to work without wavering and to give without grudging in order to ensure the future of education for all of our children. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. *Pray for Lomega - (Loryko, Sudan) The Rt Revd Paul Yugusuk (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 6
CHRIST THE RECONCILER: TAFELSIG**

We thank God for the work that is being done in this part of his vineyard. We pay especially for the safety of the people in the area, as gang-related violence continues. Thank you for the faithfulness displayed by your people. Dear God we commend the continued work of the building project of the Multi-Purpose Centre to you. Bless Revds. Dean Apples and Gerrie Groepe and their families, together with the leadership and congregation of this vibrant community. We commend all future plans to you. *Pray for London - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard John Carew Chartres; London - Edmonton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Robert Wickham; London - Fulham - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Mark Richard Baker; London - Islington - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Ric Thorpe; London - Kensington - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Graham Tomlin; London - Stepney - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Adrian Newman; London - Willesden - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Peter Allan Broadbent (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 7

O God of love whose compassion does not fail, we bring to you the sufferings of all humankind: the despair of the homeless, the sighing of prisoners especially of those held unjustly; the pains of the sick and injured; the helplessness of the aged and frail. In your great mercy comfort and relieve them, Father, according to their various needs and may they know that you are with them. We pray for those who have died and those who miss them; comfort and strengthen them in their sadness and let them know you are with them. *Pray for Long Island - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano; Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jon Bruno; Suffragan bishop of Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Glasspool; Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Diane Jardine Bruce (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 8
CHRIST THE REDEEMER: WESTRIDGE**

Loving God, we give thanks for our Parish and pray that the unity will be maintained. Strengthen our bonds as Church, Community and Families. Eternal God we thank you for the ministry of the Parish Clergy: Fr. Lundi Joko, and Revd Patty Edwards. At this time we thank you for the ministry of Fr. Lundi, as he prepares to move to Khayelitsha. Thank you for the wonderful contribution he has made, together with Anita, his wife, and their sons. Bless them as they enter this next phase of ministry. We pray for the Parish as it enters an interregnum. Be with Revd. Patty and all clergy who will be assisting at this time. We offer to you, Lord God, the work and ministry of our different organisations, seeking your guidance and relying on you, our source of wisdom. May all the plans for the Parish receive the necessary support. Create in us a sense of gratitude for all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. *Pray for Louisiana - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Morris Thompson; Western Louisiana - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jacob W Owensby (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 9-James Mata Dwane, Priest, 1916

We pray for those for whom this day will seem long and hard; for those in hospital or ill at home; those struggling with despair or depression; those waiting for a job, or important news, or for a friend to call. Lord, we ask you to touch with your generous love all those who are on our hearts today because of their special need. May your love flood their lives with hope and healing in body, mind and spirit. *Pray for Luapula - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Robert Mumbi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

FRIDAY 10**CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION: WOODLANDS**

We pray for the Parish and for Fr. Victor Jones, his wife Priscilla and their family. We pray for the various organisations and their leaders, thanking God for their commitment and the part they play in the life of the Parish. At the start of this year, we commend all our plans and projects to God, praying that we may be instrumental in reaching out to others around us. We also continue to pray for the Elonwabeni Homes, and the staff and children there, especially after the recent loss of their social worker, Mrs Herbert. *Pray for Lucknow - (North India) The Rt Revd Peter Baldev (A C of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 11

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to the freedom of full and abundant life in you: give us the courage to renounce the chains that bind us to destructive habits and bad choices. Support those who seek to break their dependence on drugs and alcohol and give them the grace to persevere in their commitment to a healthy life-style. *Pray for Lui - (Central, Sudan) The Rt Revd Stephen Dokolo Ismail (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 12-18 February

- 12 St Mark Rotterdam Vestry
- 14 M/Plain Arch Council @ Westridge
- 14-16 **EXTENDED DIOCESAN CHAPTER**
- 16 M/Plain Arch Lay Training
- 16 B/Downs Arch Council @ Kylemore
- 18 SocDev Substance Abuse Workshop B/Valley
- 18 Helderberg Arch Layministers Spiritual Enrichment

SUNDAY 12-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for in your infinite love you care for your people by the ministry of priests. May their faithful service bring lasting good to your Church and great happiness to them. Help them to do what is right, that by their teaching and living we may grow in the knowledge of your love. As our priests instruct your people, enlighten them with the wisdom of Christ the Teacher. As they preach your Word and celebrate the sacraments, sanctify them with the holiness of Christ the High Priest. As they face weakness, suffering and discouragement, strengthen them with the grace of Christ the Life-Giver. As they work for peace, unity and healing in your Church, uphold them with the courage of Christ the Reconciler. *Pray for Lusaka - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd David Njovu (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 13**ST. PAUL'S: PHILIPPI**

We pray for the Parish, and for Fr. Simon Kortjass, his wife Bonggi, together with their family. We thank God for the leadership at the Mission and Chapelries, and for the role they play. Dear God, we ask your blessing on the huge projects that we have planned, especially with regards to a Rectory and the erection of a church building at Samora Machel. Give your people enthusiastic and willing hearts and spirits, as we face the year ahead. We thank you for safety of those family members who have travelled to and from the Eastern Cape during the festive season. As we return to our places of employment and learning, we seek your guidance and protection, dear Lord. *Pray for Luwero - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Eridard Kironde Nsubuga (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 14-Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 9th Century

Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world: for areas where Christians are persecuted for their faith; for small churches struggling to hold together as a worshipping community. We pray

that all congregations who meet in Your Name, be they large or small, may be fulfilled in their mission to reach out, to bring the love of Christ to their community, and to encourage people to follow Him. In this church, we give thanks for all people who quietly serve, maybe on cleaning or flower duties, in maintaining the buildings and gardens, each using their own talents in your service. Encourage each one of us to find ways to serve you better in this place from day to day as an act of dedication. *Pray for Lweru - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jackton Jeremiah Lugumira (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 15-Thomas Bray, Priest, 1730**CHRIST THE SAVIOUR: LENTEGEUR**

Creator God, we thank you for love, grace and mercy towards us as a Parish. We congratulate and pray for Revd. Desiree Jackson as she continues her work amongst us, following her recent Ordination. We pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for their Camp this month, and their Confirmation in March. Bless them as they enter this new phase of their journey of faith. Bless and strengthen Revd. Ruth, Fr. Greg, Revd. Desiree and the Parish Council, together with all workers, volunteers and ministries, as we offer the activities and projects for the year to you, O Lord. As the new year dawns, we pray for those who experience the effects of unemployment and the scourge of addiction and abuse of various kinds. *Pray for Machakos - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Mutungi (A Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 16

We pray and give thanks to God for the present, for our families and friends who support us and surround us with their love, for our community which sustains us and keeps us rooted in Your love. Help us to be supportive to our friends, families and neighbours and sensitive to their needs. We would ask your blessing on all who are at turning points in their lives, those preparing for marriage, those who have lost their jobs and face uncertainty, and all facing illness or infirmity, give them courage and hope. *Pray for Madhya Kerala - (South India) The Rt Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oomme (A C of P)*

FRIDAY 17**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: STRANDFONTEIN**

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Lord we praise you for your love so freely given, for the abundance of your grace. We bring before you the people of Strandfontein, every parishioner, every family, and our village. Thank you for the faithfulness and kind compassion of the people. Thank you Lord for a time of rest and family. Thank you for the work of lifesavers along the beaches. We thank you for the start of a new academic year. We pray for all who are resuming work, those for whom the workplace might be new and challenging. We pray for all who will seek employment. Thank you for the beauty of Strandfontein. Thank you for the dedication of all leaders, the Wardens and Parish Council. We trust you to bless all our plans for 2017. Bless our clergy Revd. Cheryl Uren, Fr. Clifford Jones and their families. Amen, *Pray for Madurai-Ramnad - (South India) The Rt Revd Marialouis Joseph*

SATURDAY 18

God of the journey, God of the traveller, we pray for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship. We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation, may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented, that they may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. *Pray for Madi & West Nile - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Joel Obetia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 19-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Father, we pray for our Synod of Bishops and especially for our own Bishop, Margaret, together with our clergy and lay representatives. Praying for all as they prepare to gather – that God will prepare