**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Priest: As we follow Christ, we are his disciples. In union with our Lord, let us come to the Father who remains our refuge and our strength.**

Reader: That our Pope, our bishops, our clergy and religious may continue to show forth an example of discipleship, Lord Hear Us

Reader: That developing countries may not lose sight of God’s will for human happiness in a quest for prosperity, Lord Hear Us

Reader: That those who struggle with addictions or emotional illness may learn to walk in the steps of Jesus Christ, Lord Hear Us

Reader: That we may lay aside trust in material possessions and find our true strength in God, Lord Hear Us

Reader: For those who are sick and those who have terminal illness, may they be given strength and faith to face and overcome fears. May the spirit of the Lord be with them, Lord in your mercy

Reader: For our loved ones who have passed through this short life, that they may exult and rejoice for ever in Heaven Lord Hear Us

Reader: Let us pray to our Heavenly Mother Mary, Hail Mary…….

Reader: Let us pray in the silence of our hearts for our own personal needs ……

**Priest: Father of all wisdom, how marvellous that you have created us, with greater wonders you redeemed us. Hear the prayers of the disciples of your Son; grant our requests according to your will, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**