

**Education Sunday**  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2011

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Celebrant:** We now bring all our prayers to God, who created each one of us in his image and likeness and who wants all of us to grow in holiness.

**We pray for the Church.**

*That all in the Church will strive to be worthy of the saints whose lives inspire us and of all the great educators who have handed down our faith to us.*

*Lord Hear Us*

**We pray for the Pope, our Bishops, all priests and religious, especially those engaged in the ministry of school chaplaincy.**

*That, in dedicating themselves to God alone, they will preach the Gospel with pure hearts and thus encourage others to single-minded service of God's people.*

*Lord Hear Us*

**We pray for all those who provide education and formation in faith - at home, in school, college and university.**

*That they will play their parts in ensuring that children, young people and students are never content with second best and will place their deepest hopes in God.*

*Lord Hear Us*

**We pray for all children and young people.**

*That, in coming to know and love Jesus Christ, they will put aside what is worthless and learn of their own dignity as children of God.*

*Lord Hear Us*

**We pray for the sick and all those in need at this time, especially N. & N.**

*That each person may be strengthened by the love that surrounds them and supported by the active care of family, parish and community.*

*Lord, hear us*

**We pray for all those who have died recently, especially N. & N.**

*That they may find rest with God as we give thanks for the richness they brought into our lives.*

*Lord, hear us*

**Celebrant:** God our creator, we come to you in prayer through your Son who calls us to grow in holiness. Hear and answer the prayers that we have made in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen