

## We pray with the Church

### March

#### Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

### April

#### Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

"Today too, we can regain fervour in preaching the Gospel and we can encourage young people in particular to take up the path of Christian discipleship. Despite a widespread sense that the faith is listless or reduced to mere "duties to discharge", our young people desire to discover the perennial attraction of Jesus, to be challenged by his words and actions, and to cherish the ideal that he holds out of a life that is fully human, happy to spend itself in love" (Pope Francis)



## We pray for our deceased members

16/12/2016	Myrene Erdman IBVM, Australia
23/12/2016	Hildegard Acsany CJ, Spain
27/12/2016	Waltraud Rössner CJ, MEP
29/12/2016	Maria Coronata Bock CJ, MEP
01/01/2017	Theresia Bockel CJ, MEP
01/01/2017	Teréz Todavcsics CJ, Hungary
02/01/2017	Cora Grimes IBVM, Ireland
05/01/2017	Mary Creighton IBVM USA
06/01/2017	Claudia-Maria Platen CJ, MEP
07/01/2017	Anna Somnavilla CJ, MEP
10/01/2017	Judit Szivák CJ, Hungary
11/01/2017	Alice Whitehead IBVM, USA
21/01/2017	Ursula Darcy IBVM, India
09/02/2017	Jan Niall IBVM, Australia
11/02/2017	Pauline Wagner CJ, MEP
18/02/2017	Angelica Simon CJ, Nepal
23/02/2017	Shirley Digges IBVM, Australia

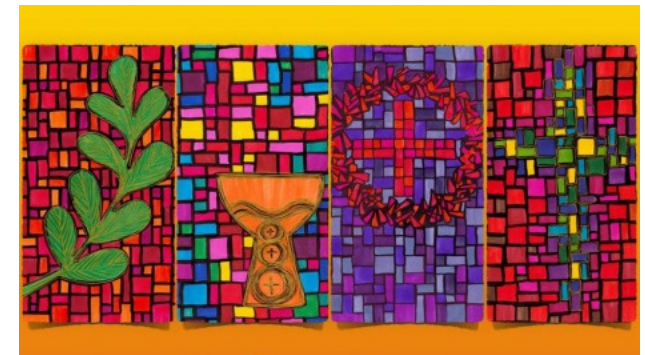


In thanks and loving memory  
for all those  
who have died especially those  
who have died  
unloved and not remembered.



## House of Prayer March - April 2017

"The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper.



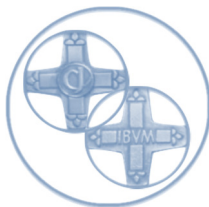
Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter" (Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2017: "*The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift*")

## We pray with Mary Ward's family

- ✚ **25 February to 7 March:** Continuation of the visitation of the CJ Italian Province.
- ✚ **4 March:** Two candidates beginning their vocational journey in the CJ in Korea.
- ✚ **14 March:** Joint Meeting of CJ and IBVM General Leadership Teams.
- ✚ **25 March:** Entrance to the novitiate of the CJ English Province of Marion Bettenworth and Felicia McCormick and admission of three postulants to the CJ Zimbabwe Region.
- ✚ **30 March to 1 April:** CJ English Province Assembly.
- ✚ **20 to 26 April:** CJ Provincial/Regional Superiors Conference (PRSC) in Rome.
- ✚ **23 April to 5 May:** IBVM Extended Leadership Meeting (ELM) in Rome.
- ✚ **27 April:** First joint meeting of CJ/IBVM Province and Region leader with the General Leadership teams in Rome.
- ✚ For our sisters celebrating their Jubilee during these months.



*"O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth".  
(Pope Francis, Laudato, Si)*



## We pray with the World



### ✚ **8 March: International Women's day**

The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, 2017, focuses on "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030".

Measures that are key to ensuring women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work must include bridging the gender pay gap, which stands at 24 per cent globally; recognizing women's unpaid care and domestic work and addressing the gender deficit in care work.

*"The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love  
that carry us when we're weak and sing with us  
when we are strong" - Sark*

### ✚ **22 March: World Water Day**

Today, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home, spending countless hours queuing or trekking to distant sources and coping with the health impacts of using contaminated water.

### ✚ **24 March:**

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 March as the "International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims" in recognition of the role of Archbishop Oscar Romero in defence of human rights. Romero actively denounced violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable people and defended the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposition to all forms of violence.

### ✚ **25 March: International day of Remembrance of the victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade**

### ✚ **7 April: Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide**

### ✚ **22 April: International Mother Earth Day**

"Live sustainably discerning what is enough". (IBVM CG14, 4)

"Through the witness of our lives, we strive to be models of eco-sustainability, mindful of those most adversely affected by eco-injustice". (CJ GC11, 6)