

## **Pope's Intentions for 2017**

### **JANUARY 2017 - Christian Unity**

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

### **FEBRUARY 2017 - Comfort for the Afflicted**

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and the marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

### **MARCH 2017 - Support for Persecuted Christians**

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

### **APRIL 2017 - Young People**

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

### **MAY 2017 - Christians in Africa**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

### **JUNE 2017 - National Leaders**

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.

### **JULY 2017 - Lapsed Christians**

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

### **AUGUST 2017 - Artists**

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

### **SEPTEMBER 2017 – Parishes**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

### **OCTOBER 2017 – Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

### **NOVEMBER 2017 – Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in work and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### **DECEMBER 2017 – The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

# **Christmas 2016 Arrangements**



# **Seapatricks Parish**

*May Christmas and the New Year  
bring you many Blessings.*

*Canon Liam Stevenson*