



## Chaplaincy Department

The chaplains represent the main Christian churches and offer spiritual and pastoral care to all, irrespective of denomination or faith. We visit the wards regularly and call to visit those patients whose names appear on our denominational lists. We are part of the hospital caring team to be alongside you and to support you during your stay in hospital.

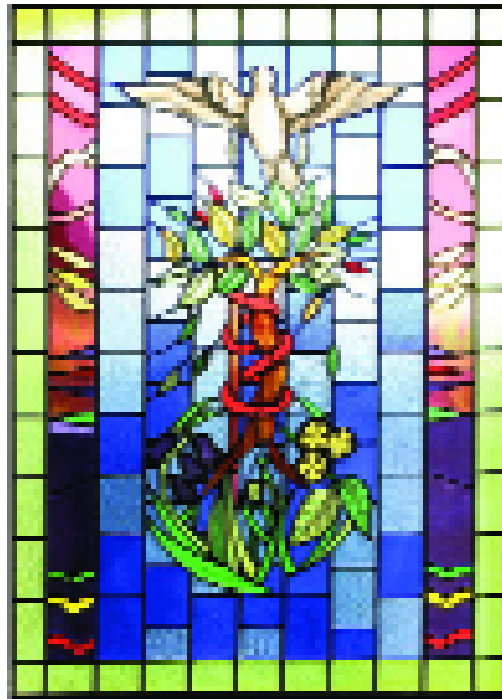
Chaplains are available to patients, relatives/carers and staff. If you wish to see any of the chaplains, please ask a member of the ward staff to contact us.

On your request, the chaplains will contact your own church or faith community on your behalf.

There are always chaplains on call for emergency situations. This facility is available through the switchboard.

Sorry I was unable to speak with you when I called. Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Hospital Chaplain



The hospital chapel is located on the Level A floor at the end of the corridor. The chapel is open at all times. You are welcome to come to the chapel for private prayer and reflection, and to share in the services.

- > There is a celebration of Mass every Saturday at 7.30pm.
- > There is a united service every Sunday at 9.30am.
- > Escorts are available to take patients on Sunday mornings.
- > The chaplains arrange special services as the need arises.

The chaplains' office is behind the chapel.

### Bible Verses

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him,  
my Saviour and my God.  
(Psalm 42:11)

In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength.  
(Isaiah 30:15)

Let not your hearts be troubled.  
You believe in God, believe also in me.  
(John 14:1)

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
And the peace of God which transcends  
all understanding will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

... Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you...  
The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
(Hebrews 13:5-6)

Cast all your anxiety on Him  
because He cares for you.  
(1 Peter 5:7)

Copies of the scriptures provided by the Gideons should be available in bedside lockers.

## Prayers

God our Father, you have brought me safely through the night. I thank you for your watchful care. Help me during this day to remember you as my Creator, to love you as my Father, to feel you near me as a friend, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

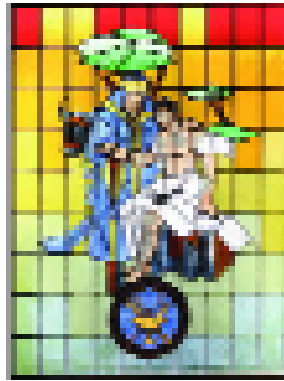
Dear Lord, thank you for the precious gift of life. I'm feeling a bit fragile and vulnerable at the moment. I may not understand your will at this time, but help me to trust you and to know your loving presence and almighty strength through it all. I pray this through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Lord Jesus, make me conscious now of your healing nearness. Touch my eyes that I may see you. Open my ears that I may hear your voice. Enter my heart that I may know your love. Enfold my whole being with your presence, that I may partake of your grace, strength and peace. Hear this my prayer. Amen.

O God, I am not the only one who needs your help at this time. I pray for other people around me in this ward. I don't know all their names nor why they are in hospital, but, Lord, you know them. Please touch them in their particular need, and help them at this difficult time. O God, hear this my prayer. Amen.

Dear Lord, thank you for the many people who work in this hospital. Thank you for their care, dedication and skill. Bless them in their lives and in their work. Use them to help and bring healing to others and to me. Thank you Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, thank you for other people who are a precious part of my life. Thank you especially for \_\_\_\_\_. Help them with the extra responsibilities they may bear because I am in hospital. May they know I love them and appreciate their care. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



## Prayers

### A Prayer of Trust in hospital

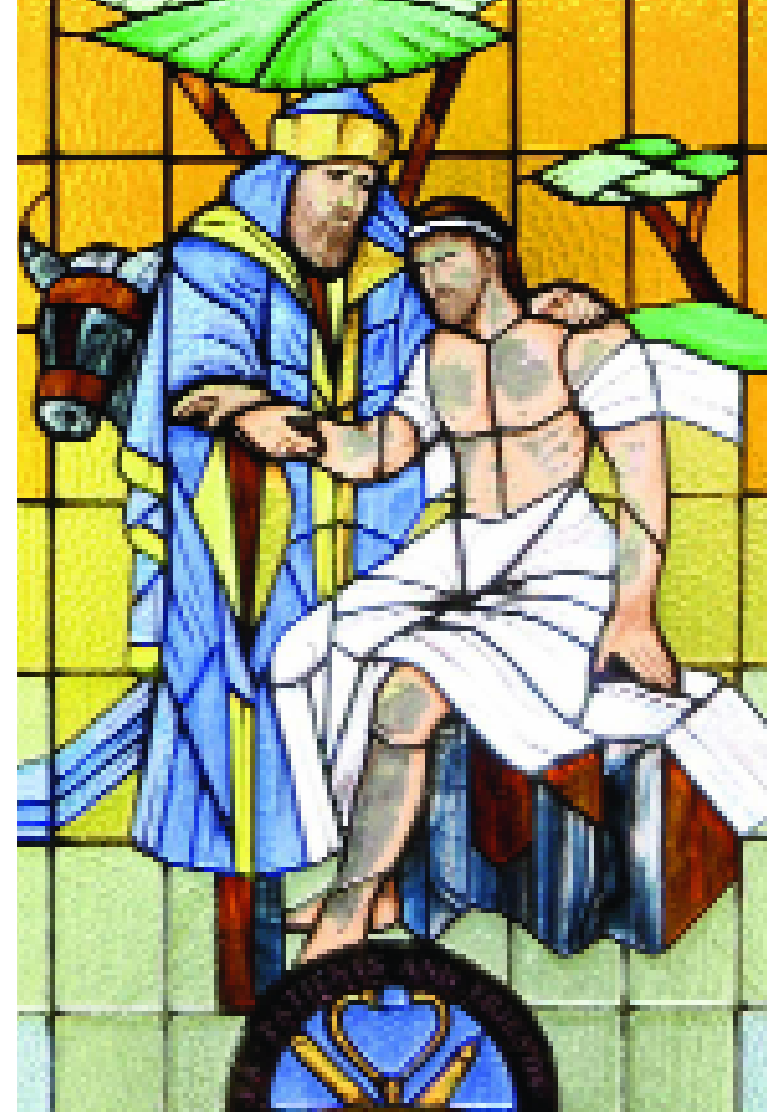
Trust Him when dark doubts assail you,  
Trust Him when your strength is small,  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
seems the hardest thing of all.  
Trust Him: He is ever faithful.  
Trust Him for His will is best:  
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus  
is the only place to rest,  
Trust Him, then, through cloud and sunshine,  
all your cares upon Him cast  
'til the storm of life is over  
and the trusting days are past.

### Before an Operation

Heavenly Father, I commit myself with perfect trust into your hands. Watch over me, and protect me in the hours of my weakness, and grant that your Spirit will be with me during my operation. Bless and guide the surgeon, and all who will assist, to the glory of your name. Amen.

### After an Operation

Lord, I am awake after surgery.  
My operation is over!  
Thank you for the gift of returning health.  
I was anxious, Lord, but you are faithful!  
Help me now as I seek to recover from the effects of the operation, and grant that, with each passing day, I may become stronger.  
In Christ's name. Amen.



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