

BIDDING PRAYERS
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** Let us pray to the God of love in the name of Jesus who has promised to be present where two or three are gathered in his name.
- Reader:** For the Church, the people of God: may we practice in our own community life the commandment of love that we preach to others
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For Pope Francis, our Bishop John and all those who exercise authority in the Church; may they strive to show respect and engage in dialogue as Jesus instructed in today's Gospel.
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- Reader:** For the leaders of our society; that they may take seriously the gospel message that we are called to be good stewards of the created world.
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- Reader:** For those returning to school or work after their holidays; may they be encouraged by a new start to do the best they can in their own lives so that the lives of their families, friends and colleagues will also be filled with grace.
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- Reader:** For our Parish; May Jesus, who is present wherever two or three are gathered in his name, keep us one in that love which fulfils the whole law.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today (Denis Hopwood, Simon Fender, Bill Smith and the Parish for whom our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all the faithful departed, especially Fr Denis Clinch, Cameron Beeby, Stephen Colligan, John Harold and Ron Bentley who have died recently; may they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God Our Father, hear these petitions which your people place before you on this day. May we seek to build your community of love in all that we do. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.