

BIDDING PRAYERS: EASTER DAY 31st March 2024

- Priest:** In the radiant splendour of this most holy night/day, let us cry out to the Lord whose mighty deeds we have seen in the deliverance of God's people through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Reader:** For the Church; may the whole people of God, especially those received into the Church this Easter, celebrate life as a song of joy to the Lord who has triumphed gloriously over sin and death.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For peace in our world, especially in Palestine, Israel and Ukraine; that in this holy season, the grace and peace of the risen Lord may enter the hearts of all those involved in conflicts and show the way to true peace.
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- Reader:** For all those who are persecuted around the world on account of their Christian faith; may this festival of Christ's resurrection bring strength to their hearts that the gloom of malice and evil will ultimately yield to a springtime of freedom and justice.
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- Reader:** For those who are struggling with illness, anxiety or fear; may the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope.
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- Reader:** For our Parish, especially those who feel themselves to be on the periphery of the community; may the paschal light which shines for us today enlighten our hearts and may that light radiate out to our families, our local community, and our whole society at large.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this Easter weekend.
Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Margaret Peacock, Pat Reeves, Denis Kelly, Ann Swarbrick, Christopher Banks, and Tony Meakins. May they share in Christ's victory over death.
Lord in your mercyHear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed the death and resurrection of her Son; we ask her to help teach us the Easter mystery:
Hail Mary ...
- Priest:** O God our saviour and redeemer, you lead your people from defeat to triumph: hear and grant our prayers, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.