

BIDDING PRAYERS: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** Let us pray now to our Heavenly Father, who comes with salvation to make us strong and cast out our fear, for our needs and those of the whole world.
- Reader:** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis; may current Apostolic visits to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Singapore be a support to the Church in those countries and a witness to the world of the gospel message of justice and dignity for all people.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For those in positions of leadership and authority; may they be granted the grace to hear and listen clearly, and to see and observe with perception, so that they may lead with words and actions of wisdom.
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- Reader:** For victims of discrimination and prejudice; may they be accorded the respect to which their human dignity is entitled and may we all learn not to make superficial judgements of people.
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- Reader:** For those who are returning to school or college at this time; may they begin the new term with refreshed spirit and enthusiasm, so that they may be able to grow as the people God created them to be.
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- Reader:** For our parish community; may we be open to new and challenging ways of building the Kingdom of God in our midst.
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- Reader:** We pray for those intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; also, all the faithful departed, especially, Nicholas Bajko, Margaret Harrison, Veronica Haythornthwaite, Maureen Wood, Norman Podmore, Fr Colin Wright and Mgr Michael McKenna.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). On this, Our Lady's Birthday, we ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede on our behalf: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, hear the prayers of your family gathered before you today, both those proclaimed aloud and those held in the depths of our hearts. We offer them all now upon your altar, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.