

BIDDING PRAYERS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Priest:** With the encouragement of John the Baptist we prepare a way for the Lord by offering our prayers to our Heavenly Father in hopeful expectation of His plan for our salvation.
- Reader:** For the Our Holy Father Pope Francis; may his leadership continue to inspire the Church to support and care for all people, especially those on the peripheries of our society.
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- Reader:** We pray for peace, especially in the Holy Land; may nations work together to foster a spirit of dialogue and reconciliation.
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- Reader:** For those exiled from their homes by violence and terror; may they soon exchange the garments of sorrow for the robes of rejoicing.
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- Reader:** For the sick and housebound of our community; may they be supported and encouraged by our prayers and our fellowship
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- Reader:** For families in our community; may the true message of Advent sustain them amidst the commercial pressures which bombard them during this time, and may our children receive what they truly need: the gift of love.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all the faithful departed, especially, Marie Spicer, Audrey Gould, Harry Jeffrey, Sheila Brown, Andrew Sugden, Norman Brown, Christopher Ashton, Rita Swarbrick, Philomena Hanlon, Margaret Guinan 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 intercede on our behalf: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, in this holy season of Advent, we ask that you bestow on your people the virtue of hope as we wait expectantly for the coming of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever, Amen.