

**BIDDING PRAYERS: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

- Priest:** Gathered as a faith community to celebrate God's unfailing love and mercy, we now turn to him in prayer:
- Reader:** For the Church; that all who lead and guide us in our faith may be examples of true witness to Christ's compassion for all.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land; that God will turn the hearts of leaders of nations to seek ways of dialogue and diplomacy to solve disputes and conflicts.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** On this Racial Justice Sunday, we pray for those who suffer the injustice of racism; that all humanity may unite as one in working for harmony, justice and peace.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For a deeper understanding of true love; as we celebrate St Valentine's Day this week, may we encourage people to see beyond the superficial displays of love to recognise that true love is responding to God's love for us.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For all who are sick, including our Holy Father, Pope Francis; may God lift them up and grant them healing and strength.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us remember today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.  
Also, all the faithful departed especially those who have died recently including Florence Hunt, Kathleen Taylor, Maureen Cook and Joanne Smith; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause).  
We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Almighty Father, we trust in your love. Hear the prayers we offer today, both those proclaimed here, and those we carry in our hearts at this Mass. We offer them all upon your altar through Christ Our Lord, Amen.