

BIDDING PRAYERS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th May 2025

- Priest:** As the people of God, the sheep of His flock, we present our needs to Him knowing that in his merciful love he always hears our cry.
- Reader:** We give thanks today for our new Pope Leo XIV; May he be blessed with the gifts of wisdom, courage and faith as he embarks upon his mission, leading the Church.
Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray for the good shepherding of our institutions and governments;
May they be open to those in need, listen to those who suffer, and welcome those who are in need of refuge.
Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray today on Vocations Sunday for the shepherds the Lord has given us: our bishops, priests and religious in our community; we entrust them to the risen Lord.
Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life; May people listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and be open to recognising and responding to His call.
Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- Reader:** That we may all listen to the Lord's calling; may we be open to listen out for what God is calling each to do with our lives.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Yemen and Sudan; may those with authority seek all paths to bring about peace and justice and may those displaced from their homes find places of welcome and safety.
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- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend;
Also those who have died recently: Brian Pails, Brenda McCluskey, Kenneth Joseph Delaney, Kathleen Tyson, Maureen O'Hara and Joan Matthews. May they share in Christ's victory over death.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause).
In this month of May we ask Our Blessed Mother, Mary, to pray with us and for us:
Hail Mary
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, we seek to follow the call of your Son, the Good Shepherd, in gentleness, service and love. Hear these prayers, which we place before you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.