

BIDDING PRAYERS: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
18th 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 leaders 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 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 in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Yemen and Sudan; may those with authority seek paths to bring about peace and justice and may those displaced from their homes find places of welcome and safety.
Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer
- 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, Joan Matthews, Doris Stobbs, Joan Mather, Stephen Waring and Winifred Kerry. 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:** God Our Father, hear these petitions which your people place before you. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.