

BIDDING PRAYERS:
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. It is through Him that we lift our hearts in prayer and make intercession for all who struggle for justice and wholeness.
- Reader:** We pray for Pope Leo and all Church leaders. May their lives and teachings give witness to a God who is compassionate and just.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their Christian beliefs. May they be strengthened in their resolve, comforted by Jesus's words.
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- Reader:** For our care of the created world; may we recognise the human causes of climate change and seek to challenge ourselves and those in authority to make the necessary changes in the way we live our lives.
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- Reader:** We pray for all who suffer from depression and struggle to sense a caring and listening God. May they feel God's compassion through the love of others.
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- Reader:** We pray for our local faith community. Purified by Jesus and driven by zeal for Him, may we experience the peace He promised.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all the Holy Souls and all those who have died recently, especially Bernard Walne, John Prescott, John Lees, Doreen Gileney & David Parry. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God of life, continue to be our help and deliverer as we come before the throne of Your mercy. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.