

**BIDDING PRAYERS: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
**24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

- Priest:** With humility and confidence in his goodness and love we bring our petitions to our caring Father.
- Reader:** We pray for the Church, especially our Holy Father, Pope Leo and our Bishop John; may those in positions of leadership within the Church do so in a spirit of service and humility.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for peace in our world; may the Lord send his peace upon all those troubled parts of the world in our time, especially the Holy Land and Ukraine.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for our created world; may grow as true stewards of creation, caring for the environment and all the future health of our planet.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for those suffering from depression or anxiety; may they know the peace of the Lord in their hearts and may we seek ways to relieve the excessive stress of modern lifestyles.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray those people receiving exam results at this time; may they face the steps in their lives with confidence and courage knowing that God walks with them.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us remember especially the intentions of which our Masses are offered this weekend.  
Also, all the Holy Souls and all those who have died recently, especially Robert Smith and Catherine Bamber. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers. (pause).  
We ask Mary to join with us in our prayers: Hail Mary ...
- Priest:** Father, we thank you for the gift of the Gospel. May we never fear to live by its inspiring message of faith, hope and love. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.