

BIDDING PRAYERS: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
7th September 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 and the Cardinals of the Church; 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 give thanks for the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti and Blessed Carlo Acutis this weekend; may their lives inspire all young people to follow the gospel and love the Lord.
Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**
- Reader:** We pray for the leaders of our country; may they be granted the wisdom and strength to lead for the common good of all people.
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 returning to school or college at this time; may they enter the new academic year with optimism and confidence, allowing the grace of God to be at work with in them.
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, especially Catherine Bamber, Marie McCulloch and Peter Smith; may they rest in peace.
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.