

BIDDING PRAYERS:
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** We bring our prayers before Our Heavenly Father in the knowledge that He is merciful and provides for the poor and oppressed.
- Reader:** For Pope Leo and all leaders in our Church; may they always strive to live their own lives as a demonstration of the gospel and the service of the poor.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For the leaders of our country; may they be granted the virtues of wise judgement, tolerant dialogue and responsible decision making, seeking always, not their own agenda, but rather the common good.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For persecuted Christians throughout the world; may the Lord grant them perseverance in standing strong for their faith. May their example give us the courage to proclaim our faith in the midst of the oppression which we face in our land in the forms of secularisation and spiritual apathy.
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- Reader:** For those who are struggling financially; may they find help and support from a compassionate community which reaches out to those on the margins and positively seeks to help those who are most in need.
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- Reader:** For the sick, the anxious and the lonely; may our parish community be a place of welcome, hospitality and true communion which brings healing and hope to people's lives.
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- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
Also, for all those who have died recently, especially Michael Scahill. 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 righteousness, you are just to the poor and oppressed: we ask that you listen to our prayers, which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.