

## **BIDDING PRAYERS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- PRIEST: Called together in the Holy Spirit, we are God's people, the sheep of his flock. With great confidence we bring our prayers before him:
- READER: For Leo our Pope, John our Bishop and all the pastors of the Church that they may listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and lead his people in the ways of eternal life. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy
- READER: For parents and teachers, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and encourage young people to hear and respond to God's call in their lives. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all those searching for their vocation in life, that the Holy Spirit may give them the courage and generosity to follow where Christ is leading them. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who feel distant from the love of the Father, that they may be gathered into the loving embrace of God, through the ministry of the Church and the power of the gospel. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy
- READER: Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend;  
Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Eileen Lawson, Valerie Jeffrey, Mick Green, Ann Barnes and Barrie Littler. May they share in Christ's victory over death. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
- READER: For all who are lonely, sick, frail or housebound, that they will feel the touch of God's healing love. *(pause)* Lord in your mercy
- READER: Let us pray for our own private intentions; *(pause)*. Mary witnessed the death and resurrection of her Son; we ask her to help teach us the Easter mystery:  
Hail Mary ...
- PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God, you have made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your spirit of love within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. We ask this through Christ our Lord.