

BIDDING PRAYERS:
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 19 July 2026

- Priest:** Almighty God, we present to you our intercessions on this day. Hear us as we call to you for our needs and those of all your people.
- Reader:** We pray for the Church; may all Christians have hearts open to receive the word of God, so the Gospel may grow within us, and our lives may bear fruit in deeds of justice and peace.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For our new Prime Minister and all who hold positions of civil leadership; may they learn to lead in a spirit of service and seek to promote values of social justice and fairness.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** As schools, colleges and universities break up for the summer we pray for all pupils, students, and teachers; may they have a happy and restful summer break and may families come together, sharing special times to cherish.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the sick and those who care for them; may they experience the healing of God and be granted strength in body and soul;
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For each one of us here today; may we gain strength and grace from our celebration here and may it have an effect in our lives and inspire the lives of our families and friends.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; Also, all the faithful departed, especially Geoffrey Allen Pearson, Patrica Byrne, Bernard Barton, Mary Angela Davis who have died recently; may they be raised up on the last day.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God Our Father, we confidently bring these prayers and all our intentions before you, knowing that you always hear us. We offer these prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.