

BIDDING PRAYERS:
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 2nd August 2026

- Priest:** As we seek to make the riches of God's Kingdom our highest priority let us present our prayers and petitions to him:
- Reader:** For Pope Leo, Bishop John and all our Church leaders, that they may continue to call the faithful to reject materialism and root their lives in God's love and mercy. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those in government, that they may do all in their power to protect the rights and dignity of all people. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For children in care, for orphans and for vulnerable children throughout the world, that in their young lives they may receive the love and support they need. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For our own parish community, that we may share our resources and talents in service to the poor and disadvantaged. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For all who are sick or housebound, that they will feel Christ's healing touch in their lives. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our weekend Masses are offered;
Also, all the faithful departed, especially Geoffrey Allen Pearson, Patrica Byrne, Bernard Barton, Angela Davis, Michael Cronin, James McGrath and Fr Michael O'Leary, 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, you are our strength and joy. Open our hearts to your grace and lead us to your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord..