

BIDDING PRAYERS:
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 9th August 2026

- Priest:** With confidence in God, our loving Father, we turn to him with our prayers:
- Reader:** For Pope Francis and all clergy: That God grants them wisdom and strength to guide the faithful through times of cultural and spiritual doubt.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the Church: That she remains a steadfast sign of hope and a safe harbour for all searching for Christ amid the turbulent storms of modern life
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For peace and justice: That Christ calms the storms of war, violence, and oppression across the world, and grants courage to all working for reconciliation.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For public servants and community leaders: That they are endowed with integrity and empathy to protect the vulnerable and support the marginalized.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For students: For students awaiting exam results or transitions, that they find confidence and peace.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the sick and caregivers: That those suffering in mind, body, or spirit experience healing, and that caregivers find strength in God's grace and that faithful departed are welcomed safely into the eternal peace and joyous light of heaven.
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 Pearson, Patrica Byrne, Bernard Barton, Angela Davis, Michael Cronin, James McGrath, Fr Michael O'Leary and Brenda Walmesley, 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.