

BIDDING PRAYERS:
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 16th August 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:** 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 may be a welcoming home for all people, breaking down barriers and reflecting God's boundless mercy to every heart.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For leaders of nations: That they may work tirelessly to end war, violence, and oppression, fostering true justice and lasting peace for all communities.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the marginalized and outsiders: That those who feel excluded, lonely, or looked down upon may encounter welcoming hands and experience the steadfast love of God.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For an increase in vocations: That the Holy Spirit may inspire more men and women to step forward as zealous priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, serving as instruments of divine grace.
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the sick and suffering: That the compassionate touch of Christ may grant physical healing, mental peace, and spiritual strength to all who call upon Him in distress. 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, Mary Davis, Michael Cronin, James McGrath, Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr Paul Taylor, Brenda Walmesley, Ann Barton and Antonio Quaglieri 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.