

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

- 1 Let us pray for those who suffer because they try to follow Christ.
We think of countries where Christians are harassed and persecuted.
We think of individuals who, like Jeremiah in the 1st Reading, are marginalised and treated unjustly in the Church because of their prophetic voice.
We think of those Christians who are ridiculed by other Christians because they express their faith differently and don't seem to fit in.
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 2 The news is filled with stories of national leaders who seem incapable of thinking about anything else but themselves. All they want to do is to hold on to power.
So let us pray for those countries in the world where people are suffering because of poor and self-serving leadership.
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 3 Recent events in America have revealed a deep-seated racism in a country that describes itself as 'the land of the free'. That same racism can affect our own country, especially in the way we treat asylum seekers, migrants and refugees.
Let us pray that we may learn to love and welcome all people, no matter what their creed, colour, nationality or sexual orientation.
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 4 For all the children, young people and staff returning to school or college this week, especially the little ones who will be starting school for the first time, the children and young people beginning High School or College, and those who are feeling a bit anxious about the new term.
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 5 Let us pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, for those suffering with motor neurone disease who perhaps can only communicate with their eyes, and for anyone whose suffering is so great that they just want God to take them home to heaven.
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 6 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions, for Brenda Snelson and those we are remembering this weekend, and for all the people of this parish community of Blessed James Bell.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy.
R. Hear our prayer.

- 7 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
Hail Mary...