

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.
With Isaiah and John the Baptist,
may we help to 'prepare a way for the Lord' by the lives we lead.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For that justice which brings true peace,
especially for the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, Syria,
Yemen and the Holy Land.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 As we give thanks for the incredible advances made in the search for vaccines
against the coronavirus, let us pray that these will be shared generously
across the world, especially in the poorest countries.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who feel unwelcome and unsupported by the Church
because of their sexual orientation.
May the Good Shepherd hold them close to himself
and teach us all to welcome one another as he welcomes us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions.
For those who have died, especially Thomas Wynne, Gerard Harkin, John Black,
Fr Michael Youell, Bernard Ball and Gillian Dawson.
For those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Ken Hindle, Neil Buist and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Archdiocesan Prayer during Covid-19

God our Father,
each person is precious to you.
You are the giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.