

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to God,
whose love for humanity knows no bounds.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we begin a New Year,
let us pray that the feast of Christ's birth will remind us
that God is with us in all the moments of our lives.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those who long for peace and justice,
especially the people of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Hong Kong, the Holy Land,
Nigeria and so many other places where there is injustice and suffering.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For an end to the current pandemic.
We pray especially for healthcare workers who are exhausted,
for those who are in hospital, those mourning loved ones who have died,
and for all who are vulnerable and may feel forgotten.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Melanie Pollitt and Angela Ryan.
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Peter, Jo, Geraldine & Barbara Ellington, Kate Rigby
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, mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Father,
we place these prayers into your hands.
Help us to trust in your care for us,
especially on the days which are difficult.
Through Christ our Lord.