

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Trusting in God's great care for each one of us,
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray for ourselves and all Christian people.
May the Holy Spirit help us to follow Jesus by living as he has taught us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those who are in positions of leadership across the world.
May they put the people they serve above everything else
as they seek to navigate a way through the current pandemic.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 As the Omicron variant spreads throughout the country,
let us pray for all healthcare workers – many of whom are exhausted,
for those who are sick at home or in hospital,
for families grieving the loss of loved ones,
and for our schools which are trying to manage a challenging situation each day.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,
especially Melanie Pollitt, Angela Ryan and Michael O'Donnell.
As the Lord welcomes them into the joy of his presence,
may he hold their families and friends close to his heart.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions,
for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Thomas Bradley, Gary O'Donnell
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..."

Presider: Almighty Father,
open the heavens and pour out your Spirit
upon your people gathered here in prayer.
Renew the power of our baptism
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.
Through Christ our Lord.