

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us lift up our prayers to God for people everywhere.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For quiet times that allow us to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus and listen;
and for warm hearts, like Martha, that welcome friend and stranger.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the many people who are suffering across the world,
especially the people of Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine,
together with Christians being persecuted in Pakistan and Nigeria.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 That we may learn to recognise the presence of Christ in one another,
especially in those who come to us for help.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 As deforestation of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil hits a six-year high,
let us pray for our common home. In our own small way, may each one of us
do what we can to protect and preserve our beautiful earth.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions, for Kathleen Hough who has died,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Penny Carroll, Ron Monks and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with the pilgrims travelling to Lourdes this week,
let us ask Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: God of peace and welcome,
hear our prayers:
those we have made aloud,
those we make in the quiet of our hearts,
and those we cannot put into words.
Through Christ our Lord.