SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Bidding Prayers

Presider: In communion with the saints, let us pray to the Father, for we are all his beloved children.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 With St Francis of Assisi and St Francis de Sales, let us pray for those who are gentle and poor in spirit, who care for the earth and all the creatures entrusted to us by God.
- 2 With St Martha and St Mary of Bethany, let us pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- 3 With St Martin de Porres and St Thomas More, let us pray for those who hunger and thirst for what is right, especially those who work and campaign for justice.
- 4 With St Martin of Tours and St Therese of Lisieux, let us pray for those who show mercy to others, especially those reaching out to asylum seekers and refugees.
- 5 With St Agnes and St Maria Goretti, let us pray for the pure in heart, especially children and young people who are suffering.
- 6 With St Rita and St Elizabeth of Portugal, let us pray for the peacemakers in our homes and places of work, in our neighbourhoods and on the world stage.
- 7 With St Charles Lwanga and Dietrich Bonheoffer, let us pray for those who are persecuted in the cause of right, especially prisoners of conscience.
- 8 With Blessed James Bell, let us pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, especially Christians in Congo, India, Mozambique, Nigeria and Pakistan.
- 9 With Mary, the mother of Jesus, let us pray for Fr John Gildea, Arthur Peers, Jack Skelland and Alan Leigh who have died, for Anita Yates, all those on the Pious Lists, and all the people of this parish, as we say: *"Hail Mary..."*
- **Presider:** God of holiness, every time we celebrate the eucharist we are united with the angels and saints. Help us always to feel the support and encouragement of that countless number of faithful people. Through Christ our Lord.