

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring to God
the prayers and longings of our hearts.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.
May we learn the ways of the Lord and walk in his paths.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For peace throughout the world.
May nation no longer lift sword against nation but learn to live in peace.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For those who are victims of abuse.
May they be given justice for the wrongs inflicted on them,
and healing for the damage that has been caused to them.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 For those who have died,
especially Deacon John Traynor, John Curley, Michael Morris
and all those on the Pious Lists.
May the Lord welcome them into his heavenly home.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially John McGinty, Harry Howl
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
Hail Mary...

Presider: Father,
tear the heavens open and come down!
Hear our prayers and bless us with peace,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.