

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Longing for the day when Christ will come again,
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

1 The Lord does not judge by appearances and gives no verdict on hearsay.
So let us pray for the grace 'to treat each other in the same friendly way'
that Christ treats us.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

2 Let us pray for that justice which brings true peace,
especially for the people of Ethiopia, the Holy Land, Myanmar, Ukraine and Yemen.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

3 For our friends in the Holy Land:
Fr Fares Syriani and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary in Kerak,
and Fr Athos Righi and the parishioners of St James the Less in Ma'in.
May the cards we've sent reassure them and bring some hope to their hearts.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

4 For the poor, the homeless, the unloved and all who are in need.
May they experience God's love this Christmas
through our care and our prayers.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

5 For our own personal intentions;
for Deacon John Traynor, John Curley, Michael Morris, Maureen Fisher,
Colin Powers, Robert Wandon and Albert Harper who have died;
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Ken Hindle,
Ellen Cox 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: O God, whose word is comfort,
speak to our hearts and bring us peace,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.