

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

Bidding Prayers

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

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us remember and pray for those who introduced us to Jesus and shared their faith with us by bringing us to church to be baptised.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 As the war in Ukraine rages on, we continue to pray for peace.
Let's also remember all who have been killed and those nursing the injured.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the new religious congregation – the Dominican Sisters of the Signadou – that came into being on Friday. We pray especially for its founder, Sr Maria, its first postulant, Celia Rigby, and the lay associates – Anne, Margaret and Ruth.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Margaret Merriman, Tom Fiddler, Anne Rowlands, Margaret Inkersole, Vincent Lawton, Margaret Duncanson and Stephen Millington.
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,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Peter, Jo, Barbara & Geraldine Ellington, Mona 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: Gracious God,
tear the heavens open and come down.
Pour out your Spirit upon us
and help us to follow you with all our hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.