

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Knowing that we are the God's beloved children,
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 *Blest are the poor in spirit*
Let us pray that we may recognise our need for God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 *Blest are the gentle*
Let us pray for the gift of gentleness, especially in our relationships.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 *Blest are those who mourn*
For those who are mourning a loved one who has died,
or the end of a relationship, or another loss in their lives.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 *Blest are those who hunger and thirst for what is right*
For those who are suffering because of the greed or cruelty of others.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 *Blest are the merciful*
For those who reach out to others in love, especially St Joseph's Family Centre,
St Rocco's, Room at the Inn, and Care UK.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 *Blest are the pure in heart*
In our love for one another, let us pray for Vincent Lawton, Maureen Eden, Stephen
Millington, Sheena Hardman and Fr Dave Melly who have died, the Price Family
and all the people of this parish community.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 7 *Blest are the peacemakers*
We remember especially those individuals and organisations who try to mediate and
negotiate in countries affected by war, violent conflict and political instability.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 8 *Blest are those who are persecuted in the cause of right*
We remember especially the innocent victims of the war in Ukraine and our many
Christian sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 9 Now let us ask Mary to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: Father,
help us to find true happiness
by following the values of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.