

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to God and place before him our needs and the needs of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Called to be salt for the earth and light for the world, let us pray that we may never tire in challenging injustice and reaching out to those who are poor and in need.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those who have been in the news this week, especially Nicola Bulley from Lancashire who is missing, the suffering people of Ukraine, and those struggling with the gender they were born with.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the children beginning their preparation for First Communion. May the Lord watch over them and their families and nurture the gift of faith planted in their hearts.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Vincent Lawton, Maureen Eden, Stephen Millington and Patricia Ann Jackson. May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Teresa & Bill Moss, Tom Fiddler 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: **Prayer for Racial Justice Day**
God of our past, present and future,
who created each one of us
in your own image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in every person.
As we pray for end to the suffering caused by racism,
lead us to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.