

## **7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us bring our prayers to the Father,  
who holds us all in the palm of his hand.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 Let us pray for the grace to love like Jesus – turning the other cheek,  
loving our enemies, not nursing a grievance, or seeking revenge.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For all those who have been in the news this week, especially:  
the people of Turkey and Syria who are suffering terribly after the earthquakes,  
Nicola Bulley who is missing and her family,  
the people of Ukraine and those in Russia who are being forced to fight,  
and the family and friends of Brianna Ghey who was murdered last weekend.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who cannot find employment,  
for anyone who is struggling in the work they have,  
and for those who are facing redundancy.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Ella O’Kane, Mary McKenna and Rory Cullen.  
May God welcome them into the joy and peace of heaven.  
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 Moira King, Carole Lawless 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:** Compassionate God and Father,  
you are kind to the ungrateful,  
merciful even to the wicked.  
Pour out your love upon us,  
that with good and generous hearts  
we may keep from judging others  
and learn your way of compassion and love.  
Through Christ our Lord.