6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Before we offer our gifts at the altar,

let us pray for our needs and those of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

For ourselves and all who are trying to follow Christ.
May the Lord make our hearts more like his own.
Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

- For the tens of thousands who have been killed and injured in Turkey and Syria. For those who are grieving, those searching for loved ones in the rubble, and for the many people involved in the rescue operations.

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For Fr Peter and those who work with him trying to rescue children from poverty and violence. May the Holy Spirit bless their love and bring the funds they desperately need to continue their work.

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For our beloved dead, especially Stephen Millington, Patricia Ann Jackson, Ella O'Kane, Mary McKenna and Rory Cullen.
 May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Eileen Lawton, Robert Crook and all the people of this parish community.

 (Pause for silent prayer)
 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- Now let us ask Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for us all, as we say: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: Prayer for National Marriage Week

Blessed are you, Lord, king of all creation: you have made us your beloved, and have showered your gifts upon us. With all married couples we bless you, and thank you for their years together.

Continue to fill their hearts with love for you and for each other.

Bless them, their children, their relatives and friends,

and lead them through this life to eternal happiness with you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.