

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** Reader: Risen Saviour!  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd,  
let us pray to God who knows our every need.

#### **Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For the many people who have been killed and wounded in Sudan,  
and all those trying to evacuate the country.  
May the Good Shepherd protect the innocent and guide others to help them.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those from Hong Kong and other countries who have come to our country.  
May they experience a warm welcome, compassion and practical support  
as they make their home among us.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who are thinking about the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life.  
May they have the encouragement and support they need as they try to discern  
what God may be inviting them to do.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For Sr Maria and Celia as they try to understand and respond to God's call,  
and for Hugh Donleavy from St Alban's who will be ordained to the diaconate in May.  
May the Good Shepherd reassure them with his presence,  
and surround them with the support they need as they offer their lives to him.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions  
and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Sophia & Joseph Piwowszyk, Aurelie Newton  
and all the people of this parish of community.  
(Pause for silent prayer)  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Good Shepherd,  
we entrust all our cares to you.  
Do not forget us, for we rely on you,  
our Shepherd and our Lord,  
for ever and ever.