

## 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** We'll use a line from the Psalm as our response today.

Reader: In your great love...

**All: Answer me, O God.**

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

- 1 As we try to follow the Lord in our daily lives,  
let us pray that we will not be afraid or downhearted,  
but learn to put our trust in the Father  
who watches over us, cares for us and protects us.  
In your great love... **R. Answer me, O God.**
- 2 For the people whose stories have been told in the news this week,  
especially the children brutally killed and kidnapped at a school in Uganda,  
the men killed in the Titan submersible and their families,  
and the many refugees fleeing conflict and the effects of climate change.  
In your great love... **R. Answer me, O God.**
- 3 For those who are hurt by bullying or wounded by the whispers of gossip.  
Like Jeremiah, may they find comfort in God who is always at their side.  
In your great love... **R. Answer me, O God.**
- 4 With gratitude we honour all those who have gone before us,  
who have lived out their faith in humble service  
and handed on their love of Christ to us. We remember especially:  
Tom Ireland, Rita Devine, Teresa Glover and Hazel Molyneux.  
In your great love... **R. Answer me, O God.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray quietly for our own personal intentions,  
for those who have asked us to pray for them,  
and for all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
In your great love... **R. Answer me, O God.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Father,  
in your compassion, turn towards us  
and listen to our prayers,  
for your love is kind and your help never fails.  
Through Christ our Lord.