13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Father who watches over us all.

Deacon or Reader:

1   For ourselves and all who try to follow Christ.
May the Lord Jesus inspire us to be a community where everyone is welcome
and no one is excluded.
Lord, in your mercy.   **R. Hear our prayer.**

2   For those who come to our shores as asylum seekers and refugees.
May we not allow the rhetoric of distraction, hatred and ignorance to stop us
from reaching out in love and welcome to those who have suffered so much.
Lord, in your mercy.   **R. Hear our prayer.**

3   For all the young people celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.
May they receive the encouragement and support they need in their faith,
especially from their families and friends.
Lord, in your mercy.   **R. Hear our prayer.**

4   For our beloved dead, especially Fr John McLoughlin's sister, Margaret,
Canon Brendan Alger, Joan Wright, Jane Roberts and Calogera Ruggieri.
Lord, in your mercy.   **R. Hear our prayer.**

5   For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember in our prayers this weekend,
especially Brenda Ann Malone, Gary O'Donnell, Jo Roberts
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: Good and generous God,
today we are guests of Jesus, your Son.
Help us to be to those around us:
his helping hand,
his smile of welcome,
his voice of encouragement and mercy,
and his face of hope and love.
Through Christ our Lord.

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