

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Trusting in God, who told Solomon,
"Ask what you would like me to give you",
let us bring our needs and those of the world to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all those who are trying to follow Christ.
May we seek the treasures of God's kingdom
rather than those things which lead us away from God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those under threat from record heatwaves and extreme weather,
especially those caught up in fires, floods and famine.
May we take seriously the call to change our lifestyles
and so care for the earth, our common home.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all the young people gathering in Lisbon for World Youth Day,
especially those who have travelled from our own Archdiocese.
May they encourage one another to follow Jesus more closely.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,
especially Peter Hastry, Vera Brindle and Barbara Williamson.
May the Lord welcome them into his heavenly home
and comfort their families and friends who are grieving.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Mark Hastry, Olive Elizabeth Swift
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: Generous God,
you formed us in your own image,
showered us with your love,
and granted us your forgiveness – all treasures beyond compare.
Help us to share these gifts with one another.
Through Christ our Lord.