## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

## **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

## Deacon or Reader:

For the successor of St Peter – Pope Francis.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and support him in his ministry of leading Christ's Church.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

- For those who are suffering because of the selfishness and cruelty of others. We remember especially the people of Ukraine, and our Christian sisters and brothers who are being persecuted in India, Nigeria and Pakistan. Lord, in your mercy.
- We give thanks and ask our Lord to bless the many people in Warrington who have gone out of their way to support asylum seekers and refugees: either by extending a hand of welcome to those who have settled here, or by supporting Care UK in sending much needed aid abroad. Lord, in your mercy.

  \*\*R. Hear our prayer.\*\*
- For all of us gathered here around the table of the Lord.

  May we not be discouraged by our weakness or demoralised by our failures, but look to Christ who knows us and loves us.

  Lord, in your mercy.

  R. Hear our prayer.
- For our own personal intentions; for Peter Burke who has died; and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Bill Moss, Tom Barnard, and all the people of this parish community. (Pause for silent prayer)

  Lord, in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.
- Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

**Presider:** Almighty God,

be the beginning and end of all we say and do.

Prompt our actions with your grace

and complete them with your all-powerful help.

Through Christ our Lord.