

## 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** In today's 2nd Reading, St Paul said:  
"If there is anything you need, pray for it,  
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving".  
So let us pray for our needs and those of the whole world.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For the Church – "the vineyard of the Lord".  
May our lives produce the fruits of justice, love and peace.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the men, women and teenagers held in our prisons today, for their families,  
and for all those who work in prisons. Let us also remember those who have been  
wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the Synod taking place in Rome.  
May the Holy Spirit guide the assembly – helping participants to listen to each other,  
to put personal agendas aside, and to discern what God is saying to his Church.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who are sick, worried, or fearful.  
May God fill them with his peace and guard their hearts and their thoughts.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 In a moment of silence, let us pray for our own personal intentions,  
for Rose Marston who has died, and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Vincent Hennessey, Stanislaw & Genowefa Matkowski, Canon John Short  
and all the people of this parish of Blessed James Bell.  
(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:** Wednesday was the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, so a prayer for all God's  
creatures:

**Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals.  
We pray especially for all that are suffering in any way:  
for the overworked and underfed;  
for animals in captivity and for those that are treated cruelly;  
for any that are hunted or lost, deserted or frightened or hungry;  
and for those that must be put to death.  
For those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion,  
gentle hands and kindly words.  
Make us all true friends to the creatures you have entrusted to us.  
Through Christ our Lord.**