

## **28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Confident that God gently shepherds his flock,  
let us pray for our needs and those of all the world.

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

- 1 For peace in the Holy Land – for an end to the violence and retribution,  
for those who have been killed and injured, for the return of hostages,  
and for the protection of so many innocent men, women and children.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For a resolution to the situation of the Armenians in Azerbaijan,  
humanitarian relief for the people of Afghanistan following an earthquake,  
and an end to the war in Ukraine and the gang violence in Haiti.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who may have been made to feel unwelcome in the Church  
because of their sexual orientation or because their marriage has broken down,  
because they have not lived up to other people’s expectations,  
or have been on the receiving end of disapproving looks or gossip.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 Let us continue to pray 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.**
- 5 In a moment of silence, let us pray for our own personal intentions,  
for Tom Fiddler, Joan Howl  
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:** Good and gracious God,  
you invite all the peoples of the world  
to the wedding feast of your Son.  
May this gracious invitation inspire us  
to welcome all who come to your table.  
Through Christ our Lord.