

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to God
who is gentle and very merciful.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and other places wounded by war.
For the release of those held captive,
and compassion for the many innocent civilians.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For Fr Michael and the Missionaries of Africa.
May the Holy Spirit guide and bless their ministry,
and keep them safe in times of danger.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all in positions of leadership in God's Church.
May they practise what they preach – never laying heavy burdens on people,
but lightening the struggles of the weary.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Andy McDonagh, John Shaw,
those on our Pious Lists, and all those we will remember this Saturday
at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.
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 Kathleen Postlethwaite, Frank O'Brien,
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: God, our Father and our Mother,
in you we find our peace.
As we place our prayers into your hands,
keep us, and all those for whom we pray, in your care.
Through Christ our Lord.