

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Longing for the day when Christ will come again,
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people. With Isaiah and John the Baptist,
may we help to 'prepare a way for the Lord' by the lives we lead.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For that justice which brings true peace,
especially for the people of the Holy Land, Myanmar and Ukraine.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For our friends in the Holy Land –
Fr Fares Syriani and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary in Kerak,
and Fr Athos Righi and the parishioners of St James the Less in Ma'in.
May the cards we've sent reassure them and bring hope to their hearts.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 For those who suffer prejudice because of their sexual orientation.
May the Good Shepherd hold them close to himself
and teach us all to welcome one another as he welcomes us.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions.
For those who have died, especially Marie Morley, Brian Fitzgerald,
Ken Armitage and Ian Buist.
For those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Jo & Barry Thompson, Anthony Potter
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: O God, whose word is comfort,
speak to our hearts and bring us peace,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.