

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us draw near to God in prayer
and lay before him our needs and the needs of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves, our families and all the members of this Christian community.
May we be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility,
gentleness and patience, love and forgiveness.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For an end to the blanket bombing of civilians in Gaza,
the violence in the West Bank, and the return of hostages held by Hamas.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For families that are struggling because relationships have broken down
or because they are struggling to make ends meet.
We pray too for family members who feel alienated or rejected.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Paul Vernon, Terry Ann Rathbone
and members of our families who we are thinking about at this time.
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 Brian Fitzgerald, Colin Sykes
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 and wife of Joseph, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: *A Prayer for New Year's Eve*
God of sinners, the lost, the fragile;
God of tenderness, light in the darkness.
On the eve of a New Year,
we entrust ourselves to you again:
for you are the Way – the path we want to follow,
you are the Truth – we want to live by,
you are the Life – that fulfils the deepest yearnings of our hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.