## **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

## **Bidding Prayers**

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Lord,

who heals the broken-hearted and binds up all their wounds.

## Deacon or Reader:

1 Let us pray for those, like Job, who are suffering: the street-dweller trying to get out of the spiral of homelessness; the dementia sufferer facing increased memory loss; the family member suffering depression, schizophrenia or bereavement; army personnel returning home but unable to share their devastating experiences; the young person who self-harms or suffers from an eating disorder. Lord, pour the balm of your healing love upon them. R. Hear our prayer. Lord, in your mercy.

2 For those, like St Paul, who are ridiculed for preaching the Gospel. We remember especially those persecuted for their religious beliefs in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan and Syria. Lord, in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.

- 3 Like the people in the Gospel, let us bring all who are sick to Jesus, especially those who are in hospital, those who are sick at home, and those waiting for treatment or a diagnosis. Let's pray too for those who care for them and visit them. Lord, in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially those who have died recently: Pauline Heywood, Philomena McCarron, Pete Rigby, Mgr George Mooney, Edith Morris, Eileen Price, Peter McKeown and Ray Toft. May the Lord welcome them into his loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.
- 5 For our own personal intentions, for those we have been asked to remember in our prayers this weekend, especially John & Mary Bostock, James Byrne 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 to pray for the people of the Holy Land and for us all: 'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Most holy God,

hear our prayers

which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son,

who is Lord for ever and ever.