

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: Risen Saviour!
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd,
let us pray to God who knows us and cares for us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those who are thinking about the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life.
May they have the encouragement and support they need
as they try to discern what God may be inviting them to do.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For Sr Maria and Sr Celia as they try to understand and respond to God's call,
and for our seminarian, Dan Howarth, who is training in Rome.
May the Good Shepherd reassure them with his presence,
and surround them with the support they need as they offer their lives to him.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the priests and religious who serve the people in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel,
as well as Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Myanmar, Haiti, Ukraine and Russia.
May they instill hope in the hearts of their people and be instruments of peace.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who feel that God cannot love them.
May they experience the tender care of the Good Shepherd,
and the mercy and love of his Church.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Pat & Clarry Knowles, Helen Catherine Swift
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Loving God,
you know us and care for us
and tend to all our needs.
Graciously hear our prayers,
and grant them through Christ our Lord.