

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: We pray:
All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

As the disciples waited in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
let's keep vigil with them and pray:

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the young people beginning their preparation for Confirmation.
May the seed of faith planted within them be nurtured by the Holy Spirit,
their families, and by the warmth of welcome they receive in this community.
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 2 Trusting that God hears our prayers and never tires in reaching out to his people,
let us continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land, Sudan, Nigeria, Ukraine
and all those places in our world where people are suffering.
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 3 For all those who are taking tests and exams at school, college or university.
May they have the love and support they need at this time,
and may all their efforts be rewarded.
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 4 For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially Sam Johnson and Jill Selway.
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Arthur & Vera Brindle, Alf Brown
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 6 As Mary prayed with the disciples in the Upper Room,
let us ask her to pray with us now, as we say: **'Hail Mary...'**

Presider: Prayer for World Communications Day
O God,
whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.
Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.