10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- For the Church, God's people.
 May we honour our Lord not only with our lips, but also with the lives we lead.
 Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- Let us pray that the new initiative for a ceasefire in the Holy Land will bear fruit this week, end the terrible suffering of so many, and see the release of hostages and all those unjustly imprisoned. Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- For the asylum seekers and refugees who reach out to us.
 Contrary to popular rhetoric, may we offer them a warm welcome, assist them in their need, and always remember what we would hope others would do for us if we were in their situation.
 Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- For the young people preparing for Confirmation.
 May they receive the encouragement and support they need in their faith, especially from their families and friends.
 Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- 5 For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for Stephen McGowan and James Buckley who have died, and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Wilfred Dolley, Tom Barnard, Pat Williams, Sr Megan Haisley 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, to pray for us all: *"Hail Mary..."*
- **Presider:** Father, hear our prayers and keep us on the path that leads to you. Through Christ our Lord.