

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Bidding Prayers

Presider: The wise men knelt before our Saviour and worshipped him.
As they offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh,
let us offer our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 The wise men offered gold to proclaim to the world that Jesus is our King.
Let us pray for the leaders of nations.
May they follow the example of Christ
and work for justice and peace for the people they serve.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 The wise men offered frankincense to reverence Jesus as the Son of God.
Let us pray that our lives may leave the fragrance of Christ in the world.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 The wise men offered myrrh foretelling Christ's suffering and death.
Let us pray for those who are carrying the cross of pain and suffering,
and for those who have died, especially Joan Flanagan, Cathy Spencer,
Jean Birmingham, and those killed in the terrorist attack in New Orleans.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 The wise men fell to their knees and adored the Lord.
As we adore the Lord in this eucharist, let us offer him the cares of our hearts
together with those we are remembering today, especially Brian Fitzgerald,
Stephen Melia, Ann Pearson, Kath Bradshaw
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the new-born King, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: God of all peoples and nations,
as you guided the wise men by the light of a star,
guide us in your ways
and keep us close to you.
Through Christ our Lord.