

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

Bidding Prayers

Presider: On this feast of the great apostles, Peter and Paul,
let us pray to the Father for the Church and the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the successor of St Peter – Pope Leo.
May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire him,
and may he have all the help and support he needs in his ministry.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For our new Archbishop, John Sherrington,
who will receive the pallium from Pope Leo in Rome this weekend.
May the Good Shepherd clothe Archbishop John with the gifts he needs
to be our leader and shepherd today and in the years ahead.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 That the cries of people of goodwill around the world on behalf of those in
the Holy Land and Ukraine will be heard by God and by those who have the
earthly power to end the appalling suffering of so many people.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For all who are persecuted for who they are or for what they believe.
Like St Paul, may they find hope and strength in the Lord who is at their side.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our beloved dead, especially Stephen Dolley.
We pray too for their families and friends who are grieving.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering this weekend,
especially Brenda Malone, Linda O'Hara, Jim Hyland
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 7 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
Hail Mary...

Presider: God of saints and sinners,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Peter and Paul bore courageous witness to your Son.
Hear our prayers,
and help us to be your witnesses in the world today.
Through Christ our Lord.