

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

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

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all who follow Christ.
May we have the courage to put aside our own wants and desires
and follow Jesus with all our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For an end to the growing spiral of violence in Gaza, the West Bank and Ukraine.
May world leaders come together and challenge the evil
which continues to unfold before our eyes.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 As members of the House of Lords debate assisted suicide this week,
may they be inspired to support high quality palliative care for the sick and dying,
and so protect and support life from conception to natural death.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 During this Season of Creation,
may the Holy Spirit nudge and show us what each one of us can do
to better care for the earth and its peoples.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions;
for Patrick Kelly, Len Gannon and James Wakefield who have died;
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Vin Vernon,
Marie Owen, and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati,
let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: God of love,
hear our prayers.
May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand,
and so walk more readily in your ways.
Through Christ our Lord.