25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: St Paul said that there should be prayers offered for everyone.

So let us pray for ourselves, for the Church and for the world.

Deacon or Reader:

Let us pray that we may always follow the example of Jesus and share what we have with those who have little or nothing. Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

- On this Home Mission Day, let us pray for those who handed on the faith to us: teaching us about God and his love, taking us to church, and so giving us the opportunity of a relationship with Jesus. Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For the young people who are starting university at this time.

 May they settle in quickly, make new friends, and make the most of all the opportunities offered to them in their studies.

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- Into God's everlasting embrace, we place all those who have died, especially James Wakefield, Brian Cullen, Fr Laurence Mayne and Cerys Sherwin. Let us also remember their loved ones who are grieving. Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- In a moment of silence, let us pray for our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially John & Doris Ryan, Catherine Shireby, Angela Ryan, Kathleen Carey and all the people of this parish community.

 (Pause for silent prayer)
 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- Now let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: Day of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

God of mercy and justice, we lift before you the land made holy by your presence. Grant an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and open the way for unfettered humanitarian relief. Bring an end to violence in Israel and Palestine, and soften every hardened heart with your peace. We ask for the safe release of all hostages and detainees, and for a true and meaningful peace process that honours the dignity of every person. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Through Christ our Lord.