

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Bidding Prayers

Presider: God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.
Trusting in his love, let us pray.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all Christian people.
May we treasure the Cross of Christ, the symbol of God's great love for us all.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the little parish of Holy Family in Gaza.
May the courageous decision of the clergy and nuns to stay and care for the
vulnerable, convert the hearts of those who bring death and violence to Gaza.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all who help to provide a Catholic education for our children and young people,
especially Governors and Senior Leaders, Teachers and Teaching Assistants,
Administrative and Chaplaincy Teams, Welfare and Domestic Staff.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who bear the cross of pain in mind, body or spirit.
As they gaze on the Cross of Christ,
may they feel the embrace of the Lord, who heals us and brings us hope.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions;
for James Wakefield and Brian Cullen who have died;
and for those we are remembering in our prayers this weekend,
especially Tommy O'Brien, Charles Eason,
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, who stood at the foot of the Cross,
to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: God of mercy,
you know the crosses we carry.
Grant us the grace to bear them,
and the generosity to help others bear theirs.
Through Christ our Lord.