

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: God always attends to our cries.
So let us bring our prayers to him like Habakkuk did in the 1st Reading.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all who are trying to follow Jesus.
May the Lord increase our faith, especially when we have doubts
or are struggling with whatever is going on in our lives.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 With the possibility of a ceasefire within reach,
let us pray that both Hamas and Israel will do all they can to end the war in Gaza,
release the hostages and detainees, and get aid to the many who are suffering.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For our Jewish sisters and brothers
following the terrorist attack in Manchester on Thursday.
We pray especially for those who were killed and injured,
and those who are feeling anxious and afraid.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For CAFOD, Nugent, Mary's Meals and all those agencies
who work so hard on our behalf to bring help to those in need.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions;
for Brian Cullen and Carys Sherwen who have died;
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Vincent Hennessey, Julie Barry, Canon John Short,
Deacon Dan as he returns to Rome, 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, to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: Today is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, so a prayer for all God's creatures:

**Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends, the animals.
We pray especially for all that are suffering in any way:
for the overworked and underfed; for animals in captivity
and for those that are treated cruelly; for any that are hunted or lost,
deserted or frightened or hungry; and for those that must be put to death.
For those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion,
gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us all true friends to the creatures you have entrusted to us.
Through Christ our Lord.**