

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to God who always shows us mercy and helps us when we are in need.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.
Like Naaman in the First Reading and the Samaritan leper in the Gospel,
may we remember to thank God for his goodness to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 As we give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza, let us pray that both Hamas
and Israel will honour the terms of the peace agreement.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who may have been made to feel unwelcome in the Church
because of their sexual orientation or because their marriage has broken down,
because they have not lived up to the expectations of others,
or have been on the receiving end of disapproving looks or gossip.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For the men, women and young people held in our prisons today,
for their families, and for all who work in the prison system.
Let us also remember those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 In a moment of silence, let us pray for our own personal intentions.
Let us also remember Kath McQuillan who has died;
Rita Devine and Joan Howl whose anniversaries occur around this time;
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 Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: O God, in Jesus you stretch out your hand
to touch the unclean, to love the unlovely,
and to draw even the most despised and excluded
into the circle of your beloved disciples and friends.
Embraced by such love,
make us eager to reach out to others
in welcome, love and mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.