

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring to God the prayers and longings of our hearts.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.
May we learn the ways of the Lord and walk in his paths.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For peace throughout the world,
especially in Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan and Nigeria
May nation no longer lift sword against nation but learn to live in peace.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For the millions of men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS.
May the right to healthcare be honoured,
especially in those places where prejudice and indifference fails them.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Kenneth Alfred Smith, John Colduck,
Malcolm Hackwell and all those on the Pious Lists.
May the Lord welcome them into his heavenly home.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
for those caught up in the deadly tower block fire in Hong Kong,
the 315 Christian students and teachers kidnapped in Nigeria,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Brenda Malone, Mary Malone, Peter Milner,
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
Hail Mary...

Presider: Father,
tear the heavens open and come down!
Hear our prayers and bless us with peace,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.