

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us draw near to God in prayer
and lay before him our needs and the needs of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray for our own families and friends.
We thank God for the gift of love that he has brought into our lives,
and ask him to help us to grow in the love we share with others.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those families where relationships are broken,
deep hurts that seem impossible to mend,
and where there are children who are suffering.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the asylum seekers and refugees who come to our shores.
We pray for a more Christ-like attitude of welcome and help
rather than the hostile rhetoric we so often hear.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,
especially Mark Postlethwaite, Betty Fuller, Rita Hutson
and our own loved ones that we're thinking about at this time.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Annie & Timothy Dewane, Nadine Davies, Vicky Jones
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 and wife of Joseph, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Father, hear our prayers.
Clothe us with your compassion and kindness,
with your humility, gentleness and patience:
to bear with one another,
to forgive as you have forgiven,
and to live with you,
now and for ever.