

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to the Father
who stoops down to us and hears our cries.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to the crowds in the Gospel,
let us pray that the way we live may be a sign of Christ to others.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For peace – in our hearts and in our homes, in our country and throughout the world.
We pray especially for the people of Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan,
Myanmar, Syria and the Sahel region of Africa.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 As we begin the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity,
let us pray for our sisters and brothers in the other Christian Churches and groups.
May the Holy Spirit inspire us to work together for unity,
and help us to understand the part each one of us must play.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our loved ones who have died, especially Rita Hutson and Vicky O'Brien.
May they rest for ever in the embrace of God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering this weekend,
especially the Mannion Family, Abraham Yau
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: Gracious God,
when we call to you,
you stoop down to hear and save us.
Be with all who cry out to you this day
and bring them your comfort and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.