

## **4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** As beloved children of God, let us bring our prayers to the Father.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 *Blest are the poor in spirit*  
Let us pray that we may recognise our need for God.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 *Blest are those who mourn*  
For those who are mourning a loved one who has died,  
or the end of a relationship, or another loss in their lives.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 *Blest are the meek*  
Let us pray for the gift of gentleness, especially in our relationships.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 *Blest are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*  
For those who are suffering because of the greed or cruelty of others.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 *Blest are the merciful*  
For those who reach out to others in love, especially St Joseph's Family Centre,  
St Rocco's, Room at the Inn, Care UK, and all who serve us in the NHS.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 *Blest are the pure in heart*  
In our love for one another, let us pray for Philip Speakman, Victoria O'Brien,  
Irene McConnell, Mary Taylor who have died, Brian Fitzgerald, Patricia Ann Jackson,  
Fr Peter Crowther and all the people of this parish community.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 7 *Blest are the peacemakers*  
We remember especially those individuals and organisations who try to mediate and  
negotiate in countries affected by war, violent conflict and political instability.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 8 *Blest are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake*  
We remember especially the innocent victims of war and violence, and our  
Christian sisters and brothers who are persecuted for their belief in Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 9 Now let us ask Mary to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Father,  
help us to find true happiness  
by following the values of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.