

## **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us pray to God and place before him our needs and the needs of all the world.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 Called to be salt for the earth and light for the world, let us pray that we may never tire of challenging injustice and reaching out to those who are poor and in need.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 May the light of Christ guide world leaders to do away with the clenched fist and wicked word, and bring true justice to every nation afflicted by war, political deception and corruption.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the victims of human trafficking.  
May they be rescued from slavery and helped to rebuild their lives.  
May those who abuse them be caught and brought to justice.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially those who have died recently:  
Victoria O'Brien, Irene McConnell, Mary Taylor and Fr Michael de Felice.  
May the Lord welcome them into his loving embrace.  
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 Carole Lawless, Michael Naughton  
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, to pray for us all: "**Hail Mary...**"

**Presider:** **Prayer for National Marriage Week**

God our Father,  
we ask you to bless all married couples.  
We thank you for their long and happy marriages  
and for all the good that they have done.  
As you blessed the love of their youth  
and helped them in their joys and struggles,  
continue to bless their life together with gifts of peace and joy.  
Watch over them in the coming years  
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.