

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd,
let us pray to God who knows our every need.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the children who are celebrating their First Communion this weekend.
May they come to know Jesus as their friend and companion.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Into the care of the Good Shepherd, we place the suffering people of Gaza,
the West Bank, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan and the many other places
where there is war and violence.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For Deacon Dan as he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood, and for
anyone who is thinking about the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life.
May they have the encouragement and support they need
as they try to discern what God may asking of them.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who have died and for their loved ones who are grieving.
We remember especially Helen Murphy, Brian Dayus, Richard Croughton,
Maureen Hennessey, Fr Gerry Cobham and Fr James Casey.
May the Good Shepherd lead them to his heavenly home
and comfort those who mourn with his tender embrace.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering in our prayers this weekend,
especially Maureen Floyd, Helen Catherine Swift
and all the people of this parish of community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Good Shepherd,
you know us and tend to all our needs.
Hear our prayers and keep us in your care.
Through Christ our Lord.