

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: We are chosen by God and precious to him.
So let us pray to the Father who invites us to trust him.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend.
May they come to know Jesus and love him.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those whose hearts are troubled, especially those in countries torn apart by war and violence, and the Jewish community in our own country following the stabbings in Golders Green this week.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For our Deacons, Tony, David and Dan, and all the Deacons serving in our diocese.
May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and sustain them in their ministry among us.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For all who serve the poor and the forgotten in society.
We pray especially for the work of Mary's Meals which enables so many children to have a meal each day in some of the world's poorest countries.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our beloved dead, especially Helen Murphy, Richard Croughton and Katherine Robinson.
May they be happy forever in the place prepared for them in the Father's house.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 For the cares we are carrying in our hearts just now,
and for those we have been asked to remember in our prayers this weekend,
especially Mary Taylor, Ted Melides, those who are sick at home or in hospital,
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 7 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the risen Lord Jesus, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.
Through Christ our Lord.