

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Trusting in God's care for us all,
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For all those who believe in Jesus and try to follow him in their daily lives.
May we not be put off by our sins and mistakes,
but be encouraged by God who loves us and forgives us always.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 At the beginning of this year's Refugee Week,
let us pray for those who come to our shores in desperate need.
May we reach out to them in welcome,
just as we would hope they would do for us if we were in their shoes.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who lost their homes and belongings in the riots in Belfast this week.
For asylum seekers and refugees who are now living in fear for their lives.
For an end to the hatred and racism that is growing in our country,
stoked by ignorance and false narratives.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Francis Seeckts, Richard Roughley,
Patricia Sullivan, Aldo Samuels, Patricia McDermott and Carol Wilson.
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we've been asked to remember this weekend,
especially John McGinty, Stephen Dolley
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: Almighty God,
our hope and our strength,
without you we falter.
Help us to follow Christ
and to live according to your will.
Through Christ our Lord.