

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Trusting in God, who told Solomon, "Ask what I shall give you",
let us bring our needs and those of the world to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all who are trying to follow Christ.
May we seek the treasures of God's kingdom
rather than those things which lead us away from God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the many places across the world suffering the evil and futility of war.
May the leaders of every nation imitate the prayer of Solomon
and seek wisdom over power, wealth and military might.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all those who are grandparents.
May they be a source of wisdom for their families
and pass on the treasure of faith to their grandchildren.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For older people who are alone and seek the tenderness of an embrace.
May no one have to live in isolation, but receive a visit from a friend or neighbour
and so experience the Lord's promise: "I will never forget you".
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
for Hung Tak Poon and Maria Knight who have died,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially John Joseph Dean, Olive Elizabeth Swift
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with the pilgrims in Lourdes, let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus,
and St Bernadette to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Generous God,
you formed us in your own image,
showered us with your love,
and granted us your forgiveness – all treasures beyond compare.
Help us to share these gifts with one another.
Through Christ our Lord.