

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the successor of St Peter – Pope Leo.
May the Holy Spirit guide and support him in his ministry of leading Christ's Church.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For those who are suffering because of the selfishness and cruelty of others.
We remember especially the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine and Sudan,
as well as Christians of all ages who are suffering persecution in Haiti, Nigeria
and Pakistan.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For Fr Stephen and all who witness to the Gospel as missionaries.
May the Holy Spirit inspire their ministry of love
and protect them in difficult and dangerous situations.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our sisters and brothers in the Isle of Man who are celebrating the anniversary
of the dedication of our Co-Cathedral this weekend. We remember especially
Canon Philip Gillespie and the other clergy who serve on the island.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
for the little ones who will be baptised this weekend,
and for those we have been asked to remember today,
especially Bruce Felskie, Len Gannon
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,
be the beginning and end of all we say and do.
Prompt our actions with your grace
and complete them with your all-powerful help.
Through Christ our Lord.