

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Let us turn to God in prayer for all humankind.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray for the prophets of today mocked like Jeremiah in the First Reading.
May they continue to speak out for truth, justice and peace,
no matter how unwelcome their message may be.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us continue to pray for an end to the evil of war being inflicted on
the peoples of Gaza, the West Bank, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar.
May world leaders have the courage to say with Pope Leo, 'No more war!'
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all those affected by the flash floods in Nepal and Tibet.
We pray especially for the many who have died, those who are grieving
and those waiting for news of loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For the children, young people and staff returning to school or college this week,
especially the little ones who will be starting school for the first time,
the young people beginning High School or College,
and those who are feeling a bit anxious about the new term.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Don Abbott, Rita Hutson 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: O God,
give us the courage and strength
to follow your Son in all we do and say,
for all our joy is in you.
Through Christ our Lord.