

Bidding Prayers Sunday 19th May 2024

Priest: On this day of the Pentecost when the church is filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, united in Jesus we take our prayers to the Father.

Reader: The Response is: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Catholic Church, our Pope and the Bishops and Priests and Fr Kieron: that their prayers and the power of the Holy Spirit will guide us to follow the word of God.

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for those preparing to receive the Holy Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confession, and Confirmation together with those sitting exams for the first time. We pray that they will be enriched by the experience.

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for peace in the world; that the Holy Spirit will transform countries where there is war and conflict and who are suffering from famine, shortage of medical assistance and shelter: that they will stay safe and one day be able to return to their rightful homes. We pray for our community to offer shelter and support to those who are unable to return due to persecution because of their religious beliefs, political views, ethnicity and sexual orientation

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for all those who are vulnerable in our own community; the sick, the homeless, the poor, the unemployed and those who are frail and elderly, who may be alone and without food, medicine, or the comfort of their own home and families around them. That as a Parish we support each other with friendship and love through these difficult times.

Lord, in Your mercy...

We pray for God's guidance to those with vocations to the priesthood. That they are helped to follow the path of the Lord with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in Your mercy...

We pray for the sick and those who care for them. Comfort those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We pray the Holy Spirit will bring them comfort and healing.

Lord in Your mercy...

We pray for the dead, those recently deceased and those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. We remember those who mourn them.

Lord, in Your mercy

In silence, we bring our own petitions to God's mercy and love...

We ask Mary, mother of our Saviour and mother of the Church, to pray with us and for us as we say... *Hail Mary...*

Priest: God our Father, open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit that we may always walk in the light of Your presence.