

**BIDDING PRAYERS:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Priest:** As we start our preparations for the birth of our Saviour, let us open up our hearts in prayer to Him and with confidence seek His ever generous assistance.

**Reader:** For the Church; as we enter the season of Advent, may the Church renew its mission to bring the Good News of Jesus to our world, in particular, reaching out to those who have drifted away from the practice of the Faith.

Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** For the nations of the world; may the words of today's first reading be heard in places of power. That they "will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles; Nation will not lift sword against nation".

Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray that people may have a sense of hopeful expectation this Advent; may we focus on the things of true value and not allow the pressure of commercialism to cloud the awe and wonder of this season.

Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** For those who are suffering from illness in body mind or spirit; may our parish community seek ways to reach out to those around us who are in need and foster in their hearts a spirit of hope.

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**Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend. And also, all those who have died recently, Patricia Clayton, Gerard Carter, Olivia Claire Wallwork, Cliff Hughes, Doreen Gallagher, and Geoffrey Thurman. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

**Priest:** Father, we implore your blessing on our Advent preparations, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.