

**BIDDING PRAYERS: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

- Priest:** Let us present our prayer to God Our Father who constantly provides for the needs of His people
- Reader:** For the Church; that we will recognise the presence of Christ in our midst and be a sign pointing out His presence to those who do not recognise Him.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For the world; on this Peace Sunday, may nations lay aside the hatred and prejudice of the past, and seek to find new ways to build a future of common respect, justice and peace between all peoples.  
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- Reader:** For Unity among Christians; as we celebrate the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity in the coming days, we pray that all those who bear the name of Christ will strive to work together in those areas where they share common ground and to seek greater dialogue in those areas where there is division.  
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- Reader:** For those working in the health and social care services; may they be given the strength to cope with the challenging situations they face, and may our society find solutions to provide much-needed support for them.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For our Parish; may we seek ever new ways of reaching out to those on the margins of our community and try to share with them the wonderful gift of faith in ways that are attractive and truthful.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered.  
Also, all those who have died recently, especially John Harry Riding, Elsie Smith, Dominic McCormack, Jerry Sarmiento, Fr Peter Foulkes, Fr Francis Frost. Richard Hammel. Brian Bamber. May they be raised up on the last day.  
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** In your loving kindness, Father, help us to grow ever stronger in living out our baptismal commitments, as we make these prayers. Through Christ, our Lord.