

BIDDING PRAYERS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 February 2026

- Priest:** With trustful hearts let us offer our intercessions to the God whose blessing shelters the poor and the lowly.
- Reader:** For the Church; that she may seek first the blessedness of the kingdom of heaven, coming to the aid of those on the edges of our society.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For those in authority; that they may remember the lowly, seeking the common good and serve as good stewards of God's created earth.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For those who hunger and thirst for justice, especially those involved in Catholic Social welfare agencies such as Caritas and CAFOD; may they continue to be prophetic voices who are heard and respected.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For all of us gathered here today at this Mass; may our celebration of this Eucharist bring us the grace to live out the Beatitudes as taught by Jesus.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For those who are "poor in spirit" through loneliness, depression, or anxiety; may their spirits be aware of the presence of God in their lives, especially through the love and compassion of the people of God.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend;
And for all those who have died recently, especially Elsie Smith, Fr Peter Foulkes, Richard Hammel, Brian Bamber, Jack Lawson, Maria Muriel Henderson, and Peter Dawson. May they receive a reward that is great in heaven, rejoicing in the beatitude of seeing God face to face.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.
- Reader:** Let us pray for a moment in silence for our own private intentions;
(Pause)
Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours. "**Hail Mary..**"
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people as they beseech you this day. Help us to know you in our lives ever more deeply.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord, **Amen**