

**BIDDING PRAYERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

- Priest:** Lord God, with confidence and trust we bring our prayers to you, knowing that your same love which raised Jesus from the silence of the tomb also hears the deepest yearning of our hearts.
- Reader:** For Pope Leo; may his apostolic visit to Africa this week bring many graces to the countries and people he visits.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For peace in our world, especially the Middle East at this time; may world leaders listen the appeals by Pope Leo to bring an end to hatred and warfare and seek ways of peace through international dialogue.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those who are on the margins of society; may we recognise the dignity of every person and seek ways to support those are poor, powerless or afraid.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those who, like Thomas, have times of doubt; may the Lord reveal the truth of his presence to them, especially in challenging times.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those who are living with fear and anxiety; on this Feast of Divine Mercy may the risen Lord be close to them grant them comfort and peace.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Marie Baron, Mary Eileen Lawson, Magdalena Denby, Valerie Jeffrey, and Ann Barnes. May they share in Christ's victory over death.  
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed the death and resurrection of her Son; we ask her to help teach us the Easter mystery:  
**Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father of our Saviour and Redeemer, you lead your people from defeat to triumph, from darkness to light: hear and grant these prayers which your people place before you on this day, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.