

## BIDDING PRAYERS 3 February 2024

Let us turn in prayer to Jesus today, placing before him our needs and the needs of the world

### 1. Prayers for the Church

We pray for Pope Francis, for our bishops and priests, that their example of living with faith, courage and integrity, inspires us in our faith journey to listen to the Holy Spirit and grow closer to God

L: Lord in your mercy R: *Hear our prayer*

### 2. Prayers for local churches

We remember Christians in our local community and especially this week the minister and members of Oakwood Baptist Church (silence)

L: Lord in your mercy R: *Hear our prayer*

### 3. Prayers for the needs of the world

Let us pray for all those affected by violence, grooming gangs, addiction and anti-social behaviour that they find justice, healing and peace (silence)

L: Lord in your mercy R: *Hear our prayer*

### 4. Prayers for the sick

Let us pray for the sick of our parish, and the people who care for them, and those who have especially asked for our prayers (silence)

L: Lord in your mercy R: *Hear our prayer*

### 5. Prayers for those who have died

Let us pray for all those who have died recently

*Michael McGurrin*

*Elsbeth Rebeiro*

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that the Lord may lead them to everlasting life (silence)

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### 6. Prayer to Mary

Calling on Mary, our mother, we ask for her intercession as we say:

*'Hail Mary: Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among woman, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen'*

7. Let us pray for a moment in silence remembering our own needs and intentions. (longer silence)

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