

**BIDDING PRAYERS:
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Celebrant:** As we continue 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:** We pray for the Church; may she always “Prepare a way for the Lord and make His paths straight”, making the true message of His gospel known throughout the world
Lord hear us **R. Lord, graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For those who are deprived of their human rights; we pray for a world that will respect the God-given rights of all, especially those who suffer from hatred, discrimination, poverty and war.
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- Reader:** For families; may this advent be a time of preparing our homes to receive Jesus into our lives to bring His justice, peace and joy.
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- Reader:** We pray for those who struggle with depression at this time of year; may they find comfort, love, and the support they require to ease the journey through their difficulties.
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- Reader:** For those who are sick; may the Lord grant them healing and strength and support those who care for them.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today (Wilfred Soffe, Vigil Mass); (The Parish, 9.30 am Mass); (Winifred Livesey, 6.30pm Mass) for whom this Mass is offered.
And also, all those who have died recently, especially Reg Hall, Joan Sharples and Terence Napoleon; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause).
This week, we celebrate the great Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We pray that we, like Mary, listen to the word of our God and happily do his Holy Will: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, may we open our hearts to your word and to your presence in our brothers and sisters. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.