

BIDDING PRAYERS
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** The Lord is compassion and love. Let us express our needs to Him with the confidence of beloved children.
- Reader:** We pray for the church; may we, as the people of God, be a prophetic voice in our world proclaiming justice for those who have little or no voice in society.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** In the light of today’s gospel, we pray for our enemies and for those who hold differing opinions to us; may the Lord bless them and may we strive not to make condemnatory judgements of any other person but rather seek to live in mutual respect.
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- Reader:** We pray for those affected by the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey; may communities work together to support those who have lost loved ones and suffered damage to homes or businesses.
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- Reader:** We remember especially those who are struggling with addictions; may they find the courage and support to overcome their addictions and renew their lives. We pray for their families, that the Lord will give them the patience, energy and spiritual support to cope with the challenges which they face.
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- Reader:** We pray for our parish; may the forthcoming Parish Mission be an opportunity of renewal, encouraging those already living a life of faith and attracting those who may have stopped coming to church or have never been to church.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered.
And also, those who have died recently, especially May Strettle, Lillian Elleray, John Richard Bashall, Josie Healey and Patrick Mackey; 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:** Father, we thank you for opening our eyes to the light and the true path of life through which we can gain salvation. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen