

**BIDDING PRAYERS:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Priest: As we enter Holy Week, we remember the pain and the passion of Jesus; and we bring now before our heavenly Father our own pains and those of our world.

Reader: For Pope Francis; that he may make a full recovery following his visit to hospital week and continue his great witness as a leader who serves and washes the feet of those who are often disregarded.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: For our priests; that, as they renew their commitment to the office of priesthood at the Chrism Mass this week, they will be strengthened by God's grace and supported and encouraged by those they seek to serve.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine at the present time; may world leaders recognise the call of God to mercy rather than vengeance.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: For those forced to flee from their homes; may we all respond with kindness and hospitality to those who seek refuge in fear and heartbreak.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: For our Parish as we enter Holy Week and the Triduum; may we experience a unity and strength on our personal journeys through suffering and death to the fullness of life.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered
Also, all the faithful departed, especially, Joan Melling, Ellen Bradley, Freda Campbell and Bill Woodcock who have died recently; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed all the events of Holy Week and we ask her to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers with love and compassion, for they are made in the name of the one whose life, death and resurrection brings salvation and hope to the whole world, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**