

BIDDING PRAYERS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Priest:** As the people of God, the sheep of His flock, we present our needs to Him knowing that in his merciful love he always hears our cry.
- Reader:** We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and all the shepherds of the Church; May the Lord continue to inspire them as true pastors, promoting justice and peace for all peoples.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** We pray for the good shepherding of our institutions and governments; May they be open to those in need, listen to those who suffer, and welcome those who are in need of refuge.
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- Reader:** On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; May people listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and be open to recognising and responding to His call.
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- Reader:** For King Charles as he prepares for the coronation; may he be granted grace and wisdom to lead and guide for the common good of all people, especially those who are most in need.
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- Reader:** For those who are sick and those who care for them; may the Lord grant healing, strength and compassion.
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- Reader:** For Sr Mary Higney and all those who mourn her death; may she rest in peace in and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. And also, all the faithful departed, especially Roland Eccles, Kathleen Walne, Jennifer Watson, Mary Hardman, Fr Peter Haverty, Bishop Christopher Budd. who have died recently; may they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed the death and resurrection of her Son; may she help teach us the Easter mystery: **Hail Mary**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, we seek to follow the call of your Son, the Good Shepherd, in gentleness, service and love. Hear these prayers, which we place before you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.