

**BIDDING PRAYERS:**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Priest:** As we bless God the Most High, let us offer intercession for the needs of all in the name of Jesus, the compassionate Saviour.

**Reader:** For Pope Francis as he recovers from his recent operation; may he be strengthened to continue his wonderful witness of caring for those who are most in need.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** For our government and all those who are elected to serve our communities; may they pay heed to Our Lord's invocation to unity and seek ways to serve the common good.  
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**Reader:** That the hungry and homeless, those starved for daily bread or human dignity, may find in the disciples of Christ generous stewards of God's bountiful gifts.  
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**Reader:** For those who are harassed and dejected; may we be a community of believers which seeks out those who are struggling and offers pastoral and practical support.  
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**Reader:** We pray for our children and young people making their First Holy Communion at this time; may they always cherish the gift of the Eucharist.  
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**Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Bridget Gibbons and Tom Hignett; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
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**Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, your Son invoked your name in prayer while here on earth among us, we now follow his pattern and offer you these prayers. We ask that you hear and grant them, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.