BIDDING PRAYERS 2 EASTER A 2020

PRIEST

Christ Jesus, our risen Lord, is with us today, as we come in His Name. Let us pray.

READER

The response to <u>Father, hear us</u> is: <u>have pity on us</u>. The first Christians remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles ... We pray that Christians today will come to know their Faith better, and remain true all their lives ... and that they will make Our Lord known to others ... In our deanery prayer we remember Fr Lasia and the people of St Mary's, Littleborough ...

Father, hear us: have pity on us.

The first Christians remained true to their community ... We pray that the people here will grow closer as a family in this parish, ready to help and serve each other ...

Father, hear us: have pity on us.

The first Christians remained true to the Mass and to prayer ... We pray that our people too will be faithful to Sunday Mass, and to daily prayer ... Father, hear us: have pity on us.

On this, Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for God's love and compassion for the people of the Middle East, and especially for our fellow Christians there, as they face so many difficulties ... may the Holy Spirit give them comfort and strength ...

Father, hear us: have pity on us.
We pray for those who are sick, especially:
CATHERINE BRAZENDALE; NORA GERAGHTY; JOHN MIZSEI;
ROXINE CALOW; ENID McARDLE; DAVID YOUNG;
MARIE ELLWOOD; KEVIN FIRTH; BRIDGET MURPHY;
HILDA SUNDERLAND; TED JONES, PATRICIA CONROY;
WINNIE MURPHY; AND THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE ...

Father, hear us: have pity on us.

We pray for the eternal rest of those who have died recently, including: ANNETTE PHILIPS; THOMAS SLATER;

ROBERT BROWN; MGR FRED MILES;

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: FR JOSEPH BURNS; FR JOHN GROARKE;

FR PATRICK MULCAHY; <u>Father, hear us: have pity on us.</u>
We ask Our Lady, who rejoiced with the apostles and nurtured their Faith, to pray for us in all our situations and needs: <u>Hail, Mary</u> ...
We offer our personal prayers to God our Father.

PRIFST

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress, in faith we ask for an end of the pandemic afflicting the world: and we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through Christ Our Lord.