

**BIDDING PRAYERS 22A 2020**

**PRIEST:** Our Lord calls us to follow Him. Let us pray that we will hear and accept His call.

**READER**

The response to **Lord, hear our prayer** is: **as we follow You.**

We pray for our leaders in the Church today ... that they will have the courage to speak the truth in love ... to correct those who go astray ... to preach Christ by their word and example ... In the deanery, we pray for Fr Wadsworth and the people of Sacred Heart, Rochdale ...

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

We pray for our young people who have recently received their examination results ... That the light of the Holy Spirit will guide them to their true vocation in life ... And for all who teach and learn in our schools ... that the Holy Spirit will guide them throughout the new school year ...

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

We pray for those who have a cross to carry ... that in their troubles they will draw strength from the Lord Jesus Christ...

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

We pray for peace in the troubled areas of the world ... and not least in our own hearts and homes...

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

We remember those who are ill or housebound: NORA GERAGHTY; MAVIS DONNELLY; MONICA LYNSKEY; JUDE CAREY; CONNIE FARRUGIA; SISTER JOAN GORMAN; ROXINE CALOW; VERA LYNDSEY; BARBARA MURPHY; DAVID YOUNG; FRED A WILNER; HELEN DONEGHAN; RORY; AND THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE; That they may receive strength to bear their cross of sickness.

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

For those who have died recently: JOHN REDDINGTON; DAVID SOUL; KATHLEEN DAVIES; ROGER QUIGLEY; FR CHARLES BRIGGS;

And those who have died at this time in other years, especially: NORA HINDLE; JAMES McMANUS; MARCUS TAYLOR; JEFFREY TAYLOR; BRIDIE THOMPSON; FR JOSEPH COULTHARD; CANON JOHN MURPHY;

That they may be saved by the power of the cross.

**Lord, hear our prayer:** **as we follow You.**

Our Lady stood by her Son's cross. We ask her to pray for us now:

**Hail, Mary** ... And we quietly add our own personal prayers.

**PRIEST**

**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.**