

BIDDING PRAYERS 1 ADVENT C 2021

PRIEST

We begin today the season of Advent: a time of hope and expectation. We begin it with hearts and voices raised in prayer to the Father of us all.

READER

The response to Lord, hear us is: teach us your way.
We pray for Christian people everywhere ... that they will renew their Baptismal commitment, and be better witnesses to Christ their Lord ... In our diocesan prayer, we remember Fr Gee and the parishioners of Our Lady & St Gerard's, Lostock Hall, together with their primary school ... Lord, hear us: teach us your way.

We pray for ourselves ... that this Advent season may be a time, not for mindless consumerism, but for the renewal and re-creation of our hearts ... Lord, hear us: teach us your way.

We pray for refugees and migrants ... that they will find safety and good homes ... Lord, hear us: teach us your way.

We pray that the sick and the dying may be strengthened by our prayer and compassion for them: PAT CONNAUGHTON;

LORETTA ALLEN; ROXINE CALOW; JUDITH RUDDIE;
BARBARA MURPHY; LUCY TYLOR; CLOTILDA GOREDEMA;
THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE; AND THE SICK IN OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS; Lord, hear us: teach us your way.

We pray that Christ will bring our deceased relatives and friends into His Father's presence:

Those who have died recently:

From this parish – EVA O'RIORDAN.

From elsewhere - AGNES KEITH; JO STUBBS; THOMAS MOHAKI; MARY McKAY;

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

BRIDIE HEAVEY; KEN HOPKINS; KATHERINE REDMOND;
GEORGE BUTT; MGR JOHN O'CONNOR; CANON LIAM HOULIHAN; FR MICHAEL HOARE; FR CHARLES BOLTON;

And those on our November lists ...

Lord, hear us: teach us your way.

Our Lady waited in great hope for the birth of her Son. Let us ask her to pray for us, as we celebrate this time of waiting: Hail, Mary...

And may the Lord in His kindness and mercy grant the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

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Come, Lord, and heal us with Your peace. Teach us Your ways of justice and mercy, and re-create us in Your love.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.