**Bidding Prayers – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**6 & 7 April 2024 – Year B**

**Priest**

Loving Lord, we come to you on this Divine Mercy Sunday and remind ourselves to always take refuge in you. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

**Reader**

We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us to see Jesus’ face in the poor. Let us seek to build a just society where universal fraternity and social friendship are lived and experienced by all. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the millions of people in Gaza that are on the brink of famine as they struggle to access food. May aid reach them quickly and may world leaders act to ensure no one goes hungry. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for The Royal Family, especially King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales, as they take a step back from public duties to receive treatment for cancer. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all families and those working in education who are enjoying the Easter break. May their days be joyous this Easter time and children find it full of adventure and fun, ready to start the summer term refreshed and revived. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

As we rejoice, following Jesus’ resurrection, let us pray and give thanks for all we have in our life. Let us be grateful for all our blessings, our faith, our family, our parish, for love and kindness, and the beauty of the natural world that surrounds us. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We bring our own prayers to our heavenly Father, in the silence of our hearts …

**PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE**

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We ask Mary, who said “Yes”, to pray for us, as we say together: **Hail Mary…**

**Priest**

Heavenly Father, we are forever grateful to receive the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. We place all our trust in you. Continue to guide and protect us. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever, **Amen.**