

## Bidding Prayers – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – Year C

### Priest

Christ gives **eternal life to all who listen to His voice**. He is the **Good Shepherd** who will lead us to springs of living water. As God's forgiven people, let us ask the Lord to bless us with the gifts we need to sustain us on our way.

### Reader

As we celebrate Jesus, our **Good Shepherd**, let us pray for Pope Francis, that he might lead us towards a world which is more merciful, compassionate, loving and filled with gratitude for all the blessings we have received. **Pause** ... Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**.

On this **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the 56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, we ask that the hearts of young men and women will be filled with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer God's call generously. We pray that parents are given the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example. **Pause** ... Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

The **Good Shepherd** guides us towards green pastures which supply our needs in abundance. Let us pray that all people everywhere will treasure our beautiful world and will do whatever is possible to protect and preserve our planet's loveliness and diversity. **Pause** ... Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

Just as the **Good Shepherd** watches over his flock, so must those men and women in positions of government and other forms of leadership care for the people for whom they hold responsibility. Let us pray that they might grow in understanding, insight, compassion and wisdom. **Pause** ... Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

The **Good Shepherd** cares for his lambs as well as his sheep. Let us pray for children here in our Parish, and everywhere, that they might find the love, encouragement and support that they need in order to grow up into loving, responsible and generous adults. **Pause** ... Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

We bring our prayers to Christ the Good Shepard in the silence of our heart.

**PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE**

Lord, in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

We ask Mary, our Mother to intercede for us: **Hail Mary...**

### Priest

Eternal Father, look with kindness on the needs of the whole human family and bless us with your peace; we ask you to hear our prayer now, though Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**