**Bidding Prayers 5th Sunday of Easter - 9/10 May 2020.**

**Fr. Rory** As so many of us face an unknown world, let us raise our minds and hearts in prayer to God Our Father, who supports and helps us to accept the present anxiety we are experiencing, and enables us all to look forward to the future with hope.

**Reader** We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, his priests, deacons and those in the religious life,. May they be inspired to support their parishioners throughout these challenging and uncertain times.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** Let us pray for professionals working on the frontline in hospitals, Care and Nursing Homes, that they may find the strength to carry on, to the very best of their ability.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for those in hospital with Coronavirus, and particularly those in Intensive Care. Help them to stay strong and recover enough to finally go home.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We also pray for those isolated at home, that they may keep positive and feel, the love and support from their neighbours, families and friends.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for all who have died at home or in hospital.

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** In the silence of our hearts and minds, let us bring our prayers and special intentions to God.

**Fr. Rory** Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray to Mary our Mother, for strength as we say, Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee . . .

**Fr. Rory** Merciful Father we ask you to accept our prayers which we make through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.