**Bidding Prayers – Fourth “Good Shepherd” Sunday of Easter - 8 May 2022**

**Father Rory** Our Lord andGood Shepherd, lead us though our daily lives, especially when we walk through the wilderness times; into those green pastures, where we will feel your abundant love.

Lord hear us. Lord Graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life. Give them the strength and courage to guide those in their care, in their different parishes.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for our parish community, that they may be moved by God’s love, and reach out to others, so that no-one feels abandoned, forgotten or alone.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for those who have died, and their families and friends, who are left to cope without them. We especially think of Clodagh Coleman, who died recently. Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for lasting peace and reconciliation to all situations of violence, hatred and division. We especially think of refugees across the world, that they may be treated with dignity and compassion.

 Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray for those who are sick or afraid, bereaved or isolated, and for those who support them. May they be granted peace, courage, comfort and perseverance. Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray quietly for our own private intensions.

 Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader** We pray to our Mother Mary as we say, Hail Mary . . .

**Father Rory** God Our Father, hear our prayers, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.