**Bidding Prayers 4th December 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent – Bible Sunday**

**Father Rory introduces the prayer:**

Almighty and merciful God, let neither our daily work nor the cares of this life prevent us from hastening to meet your Son.

**Reader:**

Heavenly Father give us the faith to receive your word, the understanding to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice.

Lord Hear Us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for those whose responsibility it is to manage the worlds economy, and for those who have difficult and ethical decisions to make, we pray for wisdom and courage to do what is right.

Lord Hear Us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for the children in our community, and ask your blessing on all parents, and the responsibilities they face.

Lord Hear Us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We ask your help for the old and wearied with the burden of life, may they find courage and peace in their advancing years, may they learn more of your love.

Lord Hear Us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for those who have died, especially those who have died suddenly and unprepared, we pray for mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Hear Us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We ask the prayers of our Holy Mother of God. Hail Mary ………...

**Reader:**

Let us now pray in the silence of our hearts.

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

Grant almighty God, that looking forward in faith to our Lord’s birth, we may feel all the happiness Our Saviour brings.