Bidding Prayers for the 12th  February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayer:**

We pray to the Father who sent his Holy Spirit to bring new light to the hearts of us all. Lord send us the light of your spirit.

**Reader:**

We pray for those who are suffering in mind and body as a result of war, we especially remember those in the Ukraine.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Help us to encourage others to respond to the call “Follow Me” and commit themselves to serve you faithfully.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for more loving forgiveness in all our relationships, or more self-knowledge, the grace to recognise when we are in the wrong.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for all those in our parish community. For the sick and housebound, for those in pain, and for the lonely. Give them comfort and strength of your presence, for your tender mercies sake.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for all those who have died, and those grieving for loved ones. Enfold them in your love and let them become aware of you beside them.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We now ask the prayers of the Holy Mother of God.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

Let us now pray for a while in silence.

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.