**Bidding Prayers 30th April 2023**

**Fourth ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday of Easter**

**Fr.Rory**: O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

**Reader**: The response to “Lord hear us” is “Lord graciously hear us”

**Reader**: For Charles the King that he may reign with wisdom and grace.

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

**Reader**: For all those entrusted with the responsibility of government, that they may lead with vision and discernment.

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

**Reader**: For the Church of Christ here and across these islands, that we may bear witness to the gospel in our lives and our worship.

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

**Reader**: For all who are hungry, homeless and living with poverty,that their needs may not be forgotten.

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

**Reader**: For peace in the world, that hatred, division and conflict everywhere may be things of the past.

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

**Reader**: Please offer your own prayers either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Lord in your mercy … hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We ask Our Lady to listen to us and intercede for us as we say: Hail Mary….

**Fr.Rory:** Sovereign Lord, hear these prayers which we offer in thanksgiving and hope. May we, with all your people ever seek to follow your ways of justice, mercy and humility until that time when we are all with you in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen