**Bidding Prayers for Sunday 7th April 2024**

**Divine Mercy Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Father Rory introduces the prayers:**

Let us pray to the Father, the all-powerful God who raised up Jesus, our prince, and our saviour.

**Reader:**

For all our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in their demanding ministry of love, that they may be given all their support, grace and anointing they need.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For all those in our parish communities, that they are aware on this Divine Mercy Sunday that they are loved and cherished by God.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For the newly baptised, and those who have recently returned to you, help us to support them well and delight in them as members of the body of Christ.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who are in the grip of addictions, release them from the captivity into which their own actions have brought them. Give them the will to be cured and restore them to the possibility of a new life.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who have recently died, commending them to the joy and safe keeping of your love.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

We now ask the prayers of Mary as we say Hail Mary ……………

Father Rory concludes the prayers:

God of eternal compassion, each Easter you rekindle our faith, grant your people constant joy in the renewed vigour of their souls, through Christ our Lord. Amen.