Bidding Prayers 22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent, Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayers:**

As we share in Mary and Elizabeths’ joy at the coming of our Saviour, let us quieten and still ourselves in the presence of God.

**Reader:**

For all expectant mothers, that they may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, and all may be safely delivered of a son or daughter.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who are struggling with poverty, illness, or despair, help them know that you love and support each one.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For our families and neighbours that they may look forward with joy to your birth.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For our priests, who are so busy at this time, may they experience your love and grace to sustain them at this time.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

We now ask the prayers of the mother of God. Hail Mary……...

**Reader:**

Let us now pray in the silence of our hearts.

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

In your goodness Lord, listen to your peoples’ prayers as we rejoice in the coming of your Son.