**Bidding Prayers - Sunday 5 January 2025 – The Epiphany**

**Father Lord Jesus Christ, the three Kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration; grant that those living within this Parish Community may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. Amen.**

**Reader We pray for the whole church, that all who follow Jesus will continue to lead others to the Light of Christ.**

***Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader We pray for peace on earth, that the peace which Christ brings, will become a reality for all nations.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for all who have died, or are suffering as a result of violence, warfare or natural disasters.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for those seeking meaning and purpose in their lives, that , at the end of their searching, they will come to recognise Christ as the as the source of vision and light in the world.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for our Parish, that it will be a strong community full of love and a powerful witness to the presence of God.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for all who are sick or suffering neglect, that the light of Christ will lead them out of darkness and into the light.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray to our Mother Mary as we say Hail Mary full of grace . . .**

**Reader Let us all now pray for our own intensions.**

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father Father, we rejoice in the fellowship with the shepherds, angels, magi, the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph and in your unfailing love for us and for all people. Hear and answer our prayers through you Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**