**Bidding Prayers for Sunday 27 April 2025.**

**Father We are gathered here today to give thanks for the life of**

**Our Holy Father Pope Francis, and to entrust him to God’s mercy on the day after his funeral in Rome.**

**Reader Let us pray that Pope Francis is committed to God’s tender love.**

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

**Reader Let us pray for the cardinals, bishops, priest, deacons and those in the religious life, within our Diocese, to join as one with the faithful across the globe, as we commend Pope Francis to the *Lord. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader As we pray, we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of**

**Pope Francis, as shepherd of the people of God, and for his selfless service and dedication to the end of his earthly life.**

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

**Reader Let us pray that we remember Pope Francis as one who challenged us to reach out to those on the margins, and bring God’s love to all those we encounter, on a daily basis.**

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

**Reader We pray together that Pope Francis’ call, to all of us to make this Jubilee Year a Year of Hope, may be fulfilled.**

 ***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 pray for our own private intentions.**

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

**Reader We pray that those who have died, may share the glory of the Resurrection, as we remember our Holy Father Pope Francis, and all who have died recently.**

 ***May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen***

**Father Heavenly Father, lead us all to live good and generous lives, in Your name, through Christ Our Lord Amen.**