

BIDDING PRAYERS: 4th Sunday of Easter - April 21st 2024

PRIEST: 'The stone rejected by the builders has become our corner-stone. In the name of Jesus we are saved.

READER: For ourselves - that as the People of God we may take up the gifts of our baptism and, enlightened in that purpose by the Holy Spirit, we may share our responsibility for the worship, life and mission of our Church.

Lord hear us. ALL Lord graciously hear us.

READER: That, as the wolves of violence, hatred and war seem to gather, we may turn to the good Shepherd who knows his own and who leads other sheep not of this fold that they too will listen to his voice. So that there will be but one flock and one Shepherd.

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READER: That as famine threatens in Gaza and in Sudan and many millions live in constant states of food scarcity, we may use our resources, our ways of consumption wisely, sustainably, simply - in solidarity with all who go hungry.

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READER: That we may be a community of thankfulness. That we share generously the fruits of the Holy Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness and fidelity - with humility and compassionate - and turn outwards in like mind to share these fruits with our neighbours.

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READER: For all the sick of mind, body or soul in our parish and beyond; for full health and strength for Fr Kieran; for all those who feel unwanted, excluded, unrecognised, injured, afraid or lost - that all may feel welcome in our community.

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READER: In a moment of silence, let us place before the Lord all our intentions - spoken and unspoken. PAUSE.

Mary always glorifies the Lord. We ask her to help us as we pray: Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: The Father has lavished His love on us by calling us His children, the sheep of His flock. We look forward to what is yet to be revealed when we shall see Him as He really is.