

BIDDING PRAYERS FOR EASTER: W/E 4-5th APRIL 2026.

Celebrant:

1. We pray for the Holy Catholic Church and all those who follow the teachings of Jesus. May all Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, and, as they renew their baptismal faith in him, may they be strengthened in the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy...

2. We pray for true and lasting peace in the world. May the risen Christ bring the gifts of peace and reconciliation to all situations of violence, hatred and division. We remember especially at this time the people of Ukraine, Sudan and The Middle East.

Lord, in your mercy...

3. We pray for all those who have died, for members of our families and for our friends who have gone before us. May the Risen Lord greet them with love and mercy and grant them the happiness of his kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. We pray for all those who have been newly baptised and received into the church, here in Shipley and over the whole country and the wider world. May they grow in faith, hope and love.

Lord, in your mercy....

5. At this Easter celebration, let us rejoice and give thanks for our faith and trust in the Risen Lord, and for the freedom to practice our religion openly and in safety. We pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith. May they also be enabled to believe and pray openly and safely.

Lord, in your mercy...

In silence, let us bring our own particular intentions to the Lord.

May Mary, who shared the peace and joy of this day, join her prayers with ours as we pray **“Hail Mary....”**

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