

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday of the Word of God

Presider: Having listened to the Word of God,
let's now bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray for the desire to read the Scriptures,
the grace to listen as they are proclaimed,
and the inspiration to understand what God is saying to us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For a de-escalation of the tension between Russia and Ukraine;
for an international response to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan;
for the people of Tonga after the volcanic eruption last weekend;
and for the many civilians caught up in the deadly conflict in Yemen.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For our sisters and brothers in the other Christian Churches and groups.
May the Holy Spirit inspire us to work together for unity,
and help us to understand the part each one of us must play.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For the many people who are sick at home or in hospital,
for those who care for them and worry about them,
and for our loved ones who have died, especially Ethel Moffat and Bill Jarvis.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
and for those we have been asked to remember in our prayers this weekend,
especially Jack Whittaker, Josie Hackwell,
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: Father,
take into your care the people we are concerned about,
the issues that weigh on our minds
and the longings of our hearts.
As the Scriptures bring us hope and encouragement,
help us to share the Good News of your love with others.
Through Christ our Lord.