3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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:

Let us pray that we may treasure and reverence the Scriptures, especially when they are proclaimed in church, for they are God's gift to each one of us.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

- 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.
- For those we meet or hear about who are suffering.
 We think of those who are sick at home or in hospital,
 those struggling with depression or living with a terminal illness,
 and anyone we're carrying in our hearts just now.
 May the Lord put his healing hand upon them.
 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For our beloved dead, especially Kathleen Hughes, Margaret Inkersole, Margaret Duncanson, Vincent Lawton, Maureen Eden and Stephen Millington. May they rest for ever in the loving embrace of God. Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For our own personal intentions and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially John, Doris & Angela Ryan, Catherine Shireby, Janet and for all the people of this parish community. (Pause for silent prayer)

 Lord, in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.
- Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: God our Father,

we place these prayers into your hands.

Keep in your care all those for whom we pray.

Through Christ our Lord.