

## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.  
**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God  
and ask him to bless us during these days of Lent.

#### **Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For all those who will be gathering in the Cathedral this weekend as they prepare to be received into the Church at Easter, and for the children preparing for First Communion and their families. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For the people of Ukraine, Turkey, Syria and wherever there is great suffering. May our prayers and donations help to bring some comfort and help. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 As we prepare for CAFOD's Lent Fast Day on Friday, may the Holy Spirit create in us a desire to live simply and in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For ourselves and all who try to follow Christ. May God bless the penance we have begun and move us to help our sisters and brothers in need. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions;  
for Rory Cullen, Ellen Kinney, Georgina Lomax and Hilda Creagan who have died;  
and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Margaret Inkersole, Laura Bolman, those in hospital,  
and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Lord our God,  
lead us through these forty days of Lent  
and make the victory of Christ's our own,  
till at the font of living water  
the elect find new birth,  
the penitent find pardon,  
and all rejoice to serve you alone.  
Through Christ our Lord.