

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

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

Let us pray to God, whose love has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter,
for the children preparing for First Communion,
and the young people signing up for Confirmation.
May they come closer to Christ who calls them and welcomes them.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For those who come to our shores because of war, persecution, natural disasters
and desperate poverty. May we not be drawn into the rhetoric that prevents us
from reaching out with a helping hand like the Good Samaritan.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 Monday is the tenth anniversary of the election of Pope Francis.
May the Holy Spirit continue to uphold him in his ministry as he seeks to leads us
to be a more compassionate Church, reaching out to the least and the lost,
showing mercy to all, and becoming once more the Church Christ calls us to be.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Georgina Lomax and Robert O'Connor.
May they have the reward of their goodness and see God face to face.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 5 In a moment of silence, let us pray for our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Tom Fiddler, Leo Wall 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: Because of your great love, O God,
you have saved us from death,
and washed us in the waters of life.
Hear the prayers we bring to you in trust and hope.
Through Christ our Lord.