

1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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 all who are trying to negotiate for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine. May their diplomatic skills, patience and persistence bear good fruit. 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 our beloved dead, especially Edith Monks, Ray Toft, Maureen Knight and Wilfred Dolley. May they rest in peace and live in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Jasmine Turner, Stephen Cassella, 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.