

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

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

Now let us pray to the Lord our God whose love embraces us all.

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 As terrible news continues to reach us of conflicts around the world,
we pray for those who are caught up in them.
We pray too for those who perpetuate conflict.
May God reveal to them the humanity of those they are hurting
and soften even the hardest hearts.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For ourselves and our Jewish sisters and brothers.
May we treasure the Ten Commandments
and let them guide our relationship with God and each other.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Miriam Jones, Delia Dixon, Maureen Lennon,
Marie Stubbins, Canon Vincent Burrows, Denise Harris and Alan Monks.
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 Peggy McGinty, John & Doris Ryan, Catherine Shireby
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: God of love,
in this house of prayer
we keep this day holy to the glory of your Name,
and we ask for the grace
to have a deeper love and respect for our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.