5th SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Having listened to the word of God,

let us pray for our needs and those of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

Let us pray for those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, for the children preparing for First Communion and their families, and for the young people signing up for Confirmation.

May the Lord take them by the hand and lead them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For those countries in our world where there is so much suffering.

We remember especially for the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

- Wednesday will be the anniversary of the bombings in Warrington in 1993. Let us pray for Johnathan Ball and Tim Parry who were killed, as well as the many who bear the scars of those terrible days 31 years ago. Let us pray to the Lord. *R.* Lord, have mercy.
- For our beloved dead, especially Canon Vincent Burrows, Denise Harris and Alan Monks. May they rest in peace and live in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord. *R.* Lord, have mercy.
- For our own personal intentions, and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Joseph Cann, Olive Elizabeth Swift and all the people of this parish community.

 (Pause for silent prayer)
 Let us pray to the Lord.

 R. Lord, have mercy.
- Now let us ask Mary, who stood at the foot of the Cross, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: Father,

help us to be more like Christ your Son.

who loved the world and died for our salvation.

Inspire us by his love

and guide us by his example,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.