

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sunday of the Word of God

Presider: Having listened to the Word of God,
let's now bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray that we may treasure and reverence the Scriptures,
especially when they are proclaimed in church,
for they are God's gift to each one of us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 As events on the world stage become increasingly unpredictable and worrying,
let us pray that world leaders will have the courage to stand up for justice, truth
and love for all people, and not give in to bullying, greed and selfishness.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 Let us pray that the efforts to bring peace to Ukraine, Gaza and the West Bank
may bear fruit, and that the people of Myanmar and Sudan are not forgotten.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who have died recently,
especially Victoria O'Brien, Mary Taylor and Fr Michael De Felice.
May they rest for ever in the loving embrace of God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially John & Doris Ryan and their children, Clarence Knowles
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Let's conclude the Liturgy of the Word by saying the words on the Mass sheet:

**We promise to respect the Word of God.
We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God.
May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions,
strength for our work, and comfort in suffering.
Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise,
you who live forever and ever.
Amen.**