

1st SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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, for the children preparing for First Communion and the young people who will soon begin their preparation for Confirmation. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For those who are trying to negotiate for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine. May their diplomatic skills, patience and persistence bear 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 who are poor. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially those who have died recently: Deacon Leo McNicholas, Roy Hough, Dave Thurston and Teresa Barnsley. 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 have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Alf Brown, Kathleen McQuillan 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.