

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

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

As God's beloved sons and daughters,
let us pray to the Father for our needs and those of all the world.

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 who will soon begin their preparation for Confirmation.
May they come closer to Jesus who calls them and welcomes them.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For the people of Mexico burdened by the violence of drug cartels,
those across the Holy Land living in poverty and fear,
the people of Ukraine and Russian locked in war,
and the tensions growing between Iran and America.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For our Christian, Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters.
As descendants of Abraham,
may we have a profound respect for one another
and learn to work together for peace.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Roy Hough, Dave Thurston, Teresa Barnsley,
Gerald Griffin, Sheila Cryer and Josephine Patricia Cox.
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 Finally, let us pray quietly for our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Carys Sherwin, the little ones who will be baptised this month,
Jane Grady 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: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.
Through Christ our Lord.