

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

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

Let us pray to God whose love has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

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 With so many people across the world, let us pray for the people of Iran.
We remember especially the scores of children killed as bombs hit schools
and the many young sailors killed in the sinking of ships.
And let's not forget the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine and other places
where violence and war are causing untold suffering.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For those who are suffering with dementia,
and for their families who lovingly care for them as best they can.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Josephine Cox, Teresa Barnsley, Gerald Griffin,
Alan Lunt, Deacon Bernard Worden, Deacon Dennis Vint and Fr Peter Crowther.
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
Cathy Moorcroft, Mary Taylor 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: Because of your great love, O God,
you have saved us from death,
and washed us in the waters of life.
Hear the prayers we bring to you in trust and hope.
Through Christ our Lord.