

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

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

Nourished by the word of God,
let us pray for our needs and those of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we approach the great feast of Easter,
let us pray for those preparing to be baptised and received into the Church,
the children preparing for First Communion and their families,
and the young people beginning their preparation for Confirmation.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For the conversion of those who are intent on war which is devastating the
Middle East, Ukraine and parts of Africa. For the many people who have been
left homeless and those suffering injury, grief and trauma.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For all who are mourning the death of a loved one.
May they know the closeness of Jesus who visited Martha and Mary
when their brother, Lazarus, died.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For those who have died recently, especially Gerald Griffin, Allan Lunt,
Deacon Peter Barr and Deacon David's father, Harold Boyle.
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 Sheila Mellor, 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.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, who stood at the foot of the Cross, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: God of love,
you raised your Son from the dead.
Hear our prayers
and raise us to new life.
Through Christ our Lord.