

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: On this, the Lord's Day, let us gather all our prayers and bring them to the Lord who walks with us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the little ones who will be baptised in the coming weeks, the children about to celebrate their First Communion, and the young people beginning their preparation for Confirmation. May they come to know the great love God has for them.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 With Pope Leo, let us pray that peace will come to rest on those who have suffered so much in Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine, Iran and Lebanon, Nigeria and Sudan. And may our prayers help to convert the hearts of those who perpetrate such evil.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 Let us pray that we may recognise the risen Lord walking with us in all the moments of our lives just as he walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Fr Brian O'Mahony from the Isle of Man, Sr Dominic Savio of the Sisters of the Cross & Passion, and Helen Murphy. May God raise them up to be with him in the joy of heaven.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Let us pray for those who are dear to us, for the cares we are carrying in our own hearts just now, and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Jo Roberts' cat, Perdi, whose been found, Helen Catherine Swift and all the people of this parish community.
Pause for silent prayer
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the risen Lord Jesus, to pray for us all:
'Hail Mary...'

Presider: O God of Easter glory,
open our eyes
to recognise your Son, Jesus Christ,
who walks with us
and who is Lord for ever and ever.