

BIDDING PRAYERS
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Word of God Sunday

- Priest:** Gathered as the family of God, united in faith, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family.
- Reader:** In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for all Christian denominations; may we seek ways of following Christ which help to unite us in his name.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For leaders in our society; may they promote the values of the kingdom of God, especially justice, integrity and peace for all peoples.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those whom the Lord calls to be fishers of people: may they respond as the first disciples did: immediately and generously.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For the many and varied people who form this community; may we strive to be truly united in heart and soul, being open and welcoming to all people.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** On this Sunday of the Word of God we pray for a deeper appreciation of Holy Scripture; may our praying with the scriptures lead us to an ever-deeper relationship with the Lord.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For Fr Jonathan Cotton who has died this week; we give thanks for his life of service as a priest, especially in this community. May he participate in the great liturgy of Heaven.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray for those intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; Also, for all those who have died recently especially, Fr Jonathan, Joe Lever, Mary Walsh, Margaret Allen and Dorothy Eastwood; may the light of Christ scatter the darkness for them and for all who mourn their passing.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for a moment in silence for our own private intentions; *(Pause)*
Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours. ***“Hail Mary..”***
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people as they beseech you this day. Help us to know you in our lives ever more deeply.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord, **Amen**