

BIDDING PRAYERS: 2nd Sunday of Lent
25th February 2024

Priest: Let us offer our intercessions to God, who loves us so much that he did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for us that we might have life.

Reader: We pray for Francis our Pope; that he may be renewed by the retreat he has undertaken this week and that, through his leadership, the Church will display the bright presence of Christ as seen at the Transfiguration.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: We pray for the people of Ukraine; on the 2nd anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, we pray for an end to that conflict. We ask that world leader seek, with a renewed sense of urgency, the path of justice and peace.
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Reader: As we celebrate Women’s World Day of Prayer this week we pray for all women; may we all grow in a deeper understanding of the gifts of womanhood and seek to respect and nourish those gifts. We remember especially the women of Palestine, who have prepared the prayers for this day, that there will be peace in the Holy Land.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: For our Parish community; as Jesus took his disciples to a place of awe and wonder, may we be renewed on this holy mountain of word and worship, recognising his glory that we may proclaim with Peter: “Lord it is wonderful for us to be here!”
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Irene Sanders, Eileen McGivern, Moira Keany, Eddie Gough, Marcella Varey, Denise Crabtree, Frank Jeffrey, and David Coxheads. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: God Our Father, your Son was transfigured in the presence of his disciples; help us to recognise his presence our midst and realise that it is through sharing in his paschal sacrifice that all our needs are answered. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.