

BIDDING PRAYERS: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Priest:** Lord God, with confidence and trust we bring our prayers to you, knowing that your same love which raised Jesus from the silence of the tomb also hears the deepest yearning of our hearts.
- Reader:** For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church; that they might bring the light of hope into the hearts of people and help the Church proclaim the resurrection of the Lord Jesus by its love of God and its generous care for those in need.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may have courage to stand for what is right and true and make good and wise decisions for the common good.
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- Reader:** For those affected by anxiety and depression; may the new life of Easter give them confidence and hope that God walks with them to support them in all things.
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- Reader:** For our Parish; may we seek new ways of bringing about that renewal which forms and sustains true Christian communities.
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- Reader:** For those who are walking away from the Lord; may they encounter Him on their journey and recognise that when He speaks, their hearts burn within them and may they recognise Him and turn back to Him.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.
And also, all the faithful departed, especially Ann Swarbrick, Alice Fraser, Mgr Philip Carroll, Mgr George Hay, Baby Dylan Francis Taylor-Ruse who have died recently, may they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). Mary witnessed the death and resurrection of her Son; we ask her to help teach us the Easter mystery:
Hail Mary ...
- Priest:** Father of our Saviour and Redeemer, you lead your people from defeat to triumph, from darkness to light: hear and grant these prayers which your people place before you on this day, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.