

**BIDDING PRAYERS**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT; 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

- Priest:** Let us offer our prayers to our God who Moses encountered in the burning bush: the one who is the source of all being;
- Reader:** For the Church; may all the baptised people of God engage in the penance and renewal of this holy season of Lent  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For leaders of the Church; may they lead with humility and mercy and seek to protect the vulnerable and the least.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land at the present time; that God will turn the hearts of leaders of nations to seek ways of dialogue and diplomacy to solve disputes and conflicts.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For Pope Francis and all those who are sick ; may the Lord grant healing and strength.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For those who suffer from anxiety or depression; may they know the presence of God in their lives through those who reach out to support them.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** For our Parish; may we use this sacred time to cultivate and fertilise our faith so that the community around us may blossom and flourish in a new springtime of the fullness of life.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** Let us remember today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend. Also, all the faithful departed especially those who have died recently including Cicely Bajko, Laura Dalley, Geoff Giddins, Martin Knowles, Harry Riding, Julie Watson, Audrey Robinson, John Guinan and Gerard Porter. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Lord hear us .....**Lord graciously hear us**
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, we entreat you this day with these and all our prayers which we offer now upon your altar, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.