BIDDING PRAYERS: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
4TH May 2025

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, who served the people of God with such kindness and fidelity; may he rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Reader: For our created world; may we remember the message of Pope Francis to be better custodians of the beautiful environment that God has given us.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Reader: For those who are on the margins of society; may we recognise the dignity of every person and seek ways to support those are poor, powerless or afraid.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Reader: For the College of Cardinals who meet later this week in conclave, that they listen to the Holy Spirit as they discern whom to choose as the next Pope.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

Reader: Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend;
Also, all those who have died recently, especially, John Guinan, Imelda Hitchen, Neil Jones, George Wdowick, Baby Maggie Livesey-Gorman May, Brian Pails and Brenda McCluskey may they share in Christ's victory over death.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer

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.