

BIDDING PRAYERS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
'LAETARE' SUNDAY

- Priest:** In the presence of God, whose light shines on us in Christ, let us intercede now for the needs of all
- Reader:** For our Holy Father, Pope Leo; may God protect and guide him always as he endeavours to lead the people of God in the ways of faith, truth and love.
Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** For peace in our world; may those in authority be granted the vision to see the folly and evil of waging war upon other people and nations.
Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** For those without faith or whose faith is shaken; may they have their eyes opened like the blind man in today's Gospel and see with the eyes of faith those things which they currently see as only indistinct shadows.
Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.
- Reader:** For our society; may the people of God reflect his light onto our world so that all people may see His saving love in our world.
Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** On this Mothering Sunday, we pray for all the mothers of this community and all who take a mother's role; may they be blessed and guided by God in all that they do to care for their children.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For our children and young people, especially those who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion; may they be sustained and nourished by their families, their schools and their parish.
Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; And also, all those who have died recently, including, Agnes Walker, Patricia Long, Marie Baron, Magdalena Denby.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercyhear 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:** Father, may we grow in understanding and in charity, as we make these prayers through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.