

BIDDING PRAYERS

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Priest: The Lord hears our voice. In the midst of all our troubles the Lord hears us and, if we follow, will lead us to a promised land of peace. So today we bring all our concerns to the Lord:

Reader: For the Church; that, led by the spirit to embrace prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the Church may learn anew that we do not live by bread alone. Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Reader: We pray for the work of Cafod and other aid agencies; may our Lent Fast Day next Friday raise both awareness in ourselves of those who are in need and funding for their many projects around the world.

Reader: For the environment and our created world; may we always be mindful of our common ancestry as children of one God, and seeks ways to care for our home promoting a vision of justice and righteousness. Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Reader: We pray for those affected by the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey; may communities work together to support those who have lost loved ones and suffered damage to homes or businesses. Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Reader: For our Parish; may the forthcoming Parish Mission be an opportunity of renewal, encouraging those already living a life of faith and attracting those who may have stopped coming to church or have never been to church. Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Reader: Let us remember especially those for whom this Mass is offered... And also, all the faithful departed, especially John Richard Bashall, May Strettle, Lillian Elleray, Patrick Mackey, Kevin Beahan, Moira Cardwell and those who have died recently, may they be raised up on the last day. 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: Loving Father, we place our trust in you. Hear and grant the prayers we offer today through Christ our Lord. Amen.