

## **BIDDING PRAYERS 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- Priest:** Let us offer our intercessions to God, who loves us so much that he did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for us that we might have life.
- Reader:** For the Church; that the people of God enduring persecution or tested by suffering may behold in the Lord's transfiguration the pledge of paschal victory.  
Lord in your mercy ..... Hear our prayer
- Reader:** We pray for Francis our Pope; that he may be renewed by the retreat he has undertaken this week and that through his leadership the Church will display the bright presence of Christ as seen at the Transfiguration.  
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- Reader:** We pray for the work of Cafod and other aid agencies; may our collection for the Lent Family Fast Day raise both, awareness in ourselves of those who are in need, and funding for their many projects around the world.  
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- 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 mercy ..... Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For our all of us gathered here today; as Jesus took his disciples to a place of awe and wonder, may we be renewed on this holy mountain of word and worship, recognising his glory that we may proclaim with Peter: "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here!"  
Lord in your mercy ..... Hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember especially today all those for whom this Mass is offered....  
And also, all the faithful departed, especially Kevin Beahan, Moira Cardwell, Margaret Finch, Doreen McMellon, Margaret Hehir and Ellen Bradley who have died recently, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Lord in your mercy ..... Hear 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:** God Our Father, your Son was transfigured in the presence of his disciples; help us to recognise his presence our midst and realise that it is through sharing in his paschal sacrifice that all our needs are answered. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.