

BIDDING PRAYERS
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Priest: As we celebrate this sacred season of Lent, let us confidently open our hearts in prayer.

Reader: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, on the 10th anniversary of his election as Pope; 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 our Parish; may this week's 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.
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Reader: For those who thirst for true satisfaction in life; may we help them to encounter the Lord Jesus in places they may not expect and may he bring his love and light into their lives to transform them.
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Reader: For those involved in industrial disputes; may dialogue bring about understanding and compromise so that righteousness may prevail.
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Reader: We pray for our parish community; may we be a family united in prayer and inspired by our common faith to show our world the beauty, joy and wonder which we have received into our hearts from the Lord.
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Reader: We pray for all who live with sickness, loneliness, anxiety or depression; may they hear the voice of Jesus as did the woman at the well: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside, welling up to eternal life
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Reader: Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. And also, all those who have died recently, including, Moira Cardwell, Margaret Finch, Doreen McMellon, Margaret Hehir and Ellen Bradley; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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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.