

BIDDING PRAYERS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 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 Francis; 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 those without faith or whose faith is shaken; may they be granted the gift of faith so that they, like Martha, may be able to encounter Jesus and, despite the challenges of this life, be able to proclaim “Yes Lord I believe you are the Christ the one who was to come into this world”. Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** For those entrusted with the government of our society; may they be granted the wisdom of God to make good and proper judgements and decisions for the good of all people. Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** For Families; may each member of the family play their part in helping to support each other and to form each other in faith and love. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter; may the new life given to Lazarus at Bethany encourage them in their new life of faith in the Lord Jesus. Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** For those who mourn; may they be consoled in their grief by the fact that Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, and weeps with us in our pain. Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember all those for whom this Mass is offered.
- And also, all the faithful departed, especially Margaret Hehir, Ellen Bradley, Bill Woodcock, Fr Michael Coleman, Freda Campbell and Joan Melling who have died recently, may they inherit the fulness of life promised to them in Baptism. Lord in your mercyhear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask our Blessed Mother Mary 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.