

BIDDING PRAYERS 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th January 2026

- Priest:** Gathered together as the family of God, united in faith, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family.
- Reader:** As we conclude this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for all Christian denominations; may we seek ways of following Christ which help to unite us in his name.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For leaders in our society; may they promote the values of the kingdom of God, especially justice, integrity and peace for all peoples.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For those whom the Lord calls to be fishers of people: may they respond as the first disciples did, immediately and generously.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** For the many and varied people who form this community; may we strive to be truly united in heart and soul, being open and welcoming to all people.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** On this Sunday of the Word of God, we pray for a deeper appreciation of Holy Scripture; may our praying with the scriptures lead us to an ever-deeper relationship with the Lord.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend. Also, all those who have died recently, especially John Harry Riding, Elsie Smith, Fr Peter Foulkes, Richard Hammel, Brian Bamber, John Lawson, Muriel Henderson and Roy Singleton. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer
- Reader:** Let us pray for a moment in silence for our own private intentions;
(Pause)
Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours. **“Hail Mary..”**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people as they beseech you this day. Help us to know you in our lives ever more deeply.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord, **Amen**