

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 Leo; 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 peace in our world; may the current crisis in the Middle East be resolved swiftly so that nations can work together for the common good of all people.
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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: We pray for our parish community; may this Lent 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: 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 the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; also those who have died recently, Ena Bolton, Mary Bilsborough, Fr Bob Morrow, Agnes Walker, and Marie Baron.
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 with us in prayer: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: Father, may we grow in understanding and in charity, as we make these prayers through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.