

**Bidding Prayers – 3rd Sunday of Lent
14 & 15 March 2020 – Year A**

Priest

“O Lord my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me” Lord we run to you as children run to their parents. As our Father, we ask that you hear our prayers.

Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all the clergy in the Catholic Church. May they continue to selflessly devote themselves to God’s work on earth, guiding and protecting their flock.

Pause ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray for those recovering from the floods. We ask that the Lord bring **climate change** into the consciousness of every person in every decision they make. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray for those in isolation with the **Coronavirus** and the vulnerable in our society. May we reach out and help those who are in need. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray for all **parishioners** who are seriously ill or recovering from surgery. We ask for their complete healing. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray for all of us that we may fully embrace the grace of reconciliation offered to us during the “**24 Hours for the Lord**” this coming Friday. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray for our young people who have completed **Alpha** and are now embarking on their journey towards the celebration of the **sacrament of Confirmation**. May God’s grace empower them to a deeper relationship with Jesus. ***Pause*** ... Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We pray in silence for all our needs.

PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayers**

We ask Mary, our mother, to pray for us, as we say together: **Hail Mary...**

Priest

As our loving and all-knowing Father we find refuge in your name. We give thanks and bring our prayers to you through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**