## Bidding Prayers Sunday 2nd March 2025

**Reader**: The response is; Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for church leaders: May God guide them through their journey and give them strength to overcome illness and hardship. We pray especially for Pope Francis and Fr Kieron, as well as our Bishops and priests and all those following their vocation to the priesthood.

Reader: Lord hear us

As we prepare for Lent; we pray for our families and friends and all those in our Parish. That they may have the strength to carry out their Lenten promises and follow Jesus' example of love, kindness and self-sacrifice.

Reader: Lord hear us

We pray for the poor, hungry and lonely. Be generous and donate any Lenten sacrifices to causes that support them, so they can enjoy some of the things that we take for granted, but are luxuries for them.

Reader: Lord hear us

We pray for those who are sick, and those that care for them; health workers and family.

**Reader:** Lord hear us

We pray for all those around the world who are suffering from conflict and injustice, especially those in Gaza, the Ukraine and Afghanistan. We pray that those in control of the fate of the people living in all areas of conflict are guided by compassion and thoughtfulness towards their fellow men.

**Reader:** Lord hear us

We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Lord hear us

**Reader:** In a moment of silence we pray for our own intentions......

We ask Mary, our mother, to join us as we say

Hail Mary.....