

**Bidding Prayers 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Priest:** As Easter draws near, we turn in hope to our loving Father, who is present here with us, as we bring before Him our prayers for the Church and the world.

**Reader:** Let us pray for all levels of leadership within the Church, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus and Fr. Kieron that the Holy Spirit gives them strength, courage and wisdom and that their congregations give them help, support and love, so the Church is a true beacon of the Light of Christ.

**Lord, hear us.**

**R. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Let us pray for those who have turned away from their faith. May they be gently guided towards repentance and into awareness of the loving presence of God through the kindness, patience and love of the Spirit working in those around them.

**Lord, hear us.**

**R. Lord graciously hear us**

**Reader:** Let us pray for those affected by war. May they be comforted in their suffering, be given hope for the future and be strengthened through the mercy of God and the power of a shared humanity.

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**R. Lord graciously hear us**

**Reader:** Let us pray for those who are sick. May they be blessed with the gifts of fortitude and understanding and trust in the healing power of God's love.

**Lord, hear us.**

**R. Lord graciously hear us**

**Reader:** As we move closer to Holy Week, thinking about repentance forgiveness and hope, let us turn to Mary our Mother to intercede on our behalf by saying;

**Hail Mary....**