**Bidding Prayers for 20th March – Third Sunday of Lent**

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayers**:

As we thirst for God in our lives. Let us pray to him now.

**Reader:**

For those involved in the war – Ukraine, especially those who bear the responsibility and exercise the authority of leadership. May the Holy Spirit direct their councils and actions that justice and mercy may prevail.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who are suffering, mind or body, as a result of war. We pray for all refugees, and for those who have lost wife or husband, children or parents, livelihoods, security or home.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

In this time of Lent, we remember the temptations and sufferings of our Lord, give us true penitence and sorrow for sin.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For all lonely people, especially those who are too old to enjoy company, and those who are isolated from others through suffering and illness, or through a sense of inferiority.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for all our loved one who have died.

Lord Hear Us; Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We now ask the prayer of our Holy Mother of God. Hail Mary….

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

As we rejoice in the yearly season of grace and ponder the mysteries of Easter. Grant Lord that our joy may be completed by seeing them fulfilled in our lives, we make our prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ.