**Bidding Prayers for 3 April – Fifth Sunday During Lent**

Father Rory: As Easter draws near, we turn in hope to our loving Father and pray for all Ukranian refugees, who have been forced to flee their homes, seeking a safe and dignified life, of welcoming security.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for the Church, Pope Francis, his bishops, priests, deacons and all consecrated people, that they may faithfully fulfil the roles bestowed upon them, thus preaching God’s covenant to the world.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for everyone who is sick, or afraid, bereaved or isolated, and those who support them. May God grant each of them peace and comfort, courage and perseverance.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for world leaders, that the Holy Spirit may guide them to speak out for what is right, and take action to build a better future.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray that the mercy of God, will deliver the people of Ukraine, and many other places around the world, from the destructive evil of war and make peace possible.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Let us pray in silence for our own private intensions.

 **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray to our Holy Mother Mary as we say, Hail Mary . . .

Father Rory: Father, you have shown us the wonder of your love, through your Son, Jesus. Keep us safe from all harm and help us to grow in grace. Through Christ Our Lord Amen.