**Bidding Prayers 19th March 2023**

**‘Laetare’ Sunday**

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayers:**

Let us glorify God for his wealth of goodness, and pray to him through Jesus Christ, who is always living to intercede for us.

**Reader:**

We continue to remember those who have survived the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, help those who are injured, comfort and support the bereaved.

Lord Hear Us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

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

Lord Hear Us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for mothers everywhere that they may never lose heart, nor ever be taken for granted, but may with Mary your Mother receive the honour they deserve.

Lord Hear Us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

Help us this Lent to know ourselves better and give us strength to root out of our lives, the sins, and weak spots of our character.

Lord Hear Us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for those who have died, that they may live forever in the beauty of your holiness.

Lord Hear Us. Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

We ask Mary Our Mother to pray with us and for us. Hail Mary ….

**Reader:**

We now pray in the silence of our hearts.

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.