**Bidding Prayers 25th February 2024**

**Second, ‘Transfiguration’ Sunday of Lent**

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayers:**

Confident that God knows and loves each of us and understands our situation. Let us pray.

**Reader:**

For the church, that she may be vigilant and courageous in upholding the Christian faith, and sensitive to the language and culture of each person seeking God in their lives.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those, whose emotional pain makes it difficult for them to accept God’s love and forgiveness and for all who feel there is no hope.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For all those who are caught up in the war in the Middle East and Ukraine, and who are suffering in mind and body, have mercy on them, O God, and prosper all who seek to help them.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For all in our local community, may we thirst for your spirit of love, which notices needs, considers no job beneath itself, and delights in each person’s gifts.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

Let us now pray for those who have recently died. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

We now ask the prayers of our Blessed Mother: Hail Mary ………….

Let us now pray for a while in silence.

**Father Rory Concludes the Prayers:**

Through our annual Lenten observance Lord, deepen our understanding of the mystery of Christ, and make it a reality in the conduct of our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.