**Bidding Prayers 5th March 2025**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Father Rory Introduces the Prayers:**

As we begin the season of Lent, we give thanks to God the Father for this time of grace. Strengthen us in love through the Holy Spirit.

**Reader:**

Grant us a spirit of self-denial and move us to help our brothers in their need.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who we love and whose company we enjoy, as well as those who irritate us, and those whom we annoy.

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 our Bishops and Priests, may they be given strength to guide us in the right path.

Lord Hear Us: Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:**

For those who have died. Eternal rest grant to them oh Lord.

**Reader:**

We ask the prayers of the Holy Mother of God. Hail Mary …….

**Reader:**

Let us pray now in the silence of our hearts.

**Father Rory concludes the prayers:**

Support us Lord with this Lenten Fast as we begin the battle against evil.