**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Seeking to love God and our neighbour with all our heart, we pray for our needs and those of the world.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they show the way of a Church that is a welcoming community, teaching us how to forgive and how to be forgiven. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter, for those who walk alongside them as catechists, sponsors and Godparents, that they may always recognise, and be open to God’s grace and love. **Lord, hear us.**
3. On this Mother’s Day, we pray for all mothers: that they may be blessed in their love and care for their families, and the sacrifices they make. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them with wisdom and love. **Lord, hear us.**

(Alternative prayers for Mother’s Day are available on https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/\_files/ugd/f27feb\_a86e753f10654e61884289f7113ee3b3.pdf)

1. For peace in our world: may hearts and minds be converted to Christ's way of humility, peace and reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who face exile as a consequence of violence, war, need, or hunger, that they may receive welcome, justice and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those whom God is calling to ministry in the priesthood and religious life: may they sense that call with greater clarity and have the courage to respond generously. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who work in pharmaceutical and healing sciences: inspire them with passion and skill as they administer safe and effective treatments for suffering and illness. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who have died: may all who believe have eternal life in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation. In your great love, we ask you to grant our prayers through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**