**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Confident in the Lord’s mercy, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.

1. For the Church: may the Lord lead us to a deeper conversion and repentance of our sins during this Lenten season. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For governments and legislators, that they may work to establish and protect the dignity and equality of women in society. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those preparing for full initiation into the Church at Easter; may the example of the faith community strengthen their resolve, encourage their discernment, and deepen their joy. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or bereaved, that the Lord will bring healing to the sick, comfort to those in mourning, conversion to sinners, and light to those experiencing darkness. **Lord, hear us.**
5. That the hungry may be fed, the homeless sheltered, the unemployed given work, and the unwanted welcomed. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all the baptised: may they embrace the commandments given to Moses allowing them to form our conscience, the way in which we love, and guide our decisions. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who are sick: may the healing consolation of Christ strengthen them on the road to recovery. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died in Christ, may our Saviour welcome them into the joy of his presence. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

God our Father, in charity, fasting and prayer you have shown us a remedy for sin. Listen in love to our prayers and lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.