**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As God’s words are spirit and life, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For bishops, priests and deacons: inspired by God’s Word, may they be faithful and passionate in proclaiming the Kingdom of God. **Lord, hear us.**
2. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may we treasure God’s word, allow our lives to be formed by it, and for it to remain with us in our hearts and homes. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We ask your blessing and strength on those whose homes and livelihoods have been affected by Storm Éowyn. Stir resilience among your people. Move us all to respond with hearts of compassion, acts of service and generous giving, and grant your blessing on those who recover and repair what has been lost.  **Lord, hear us.**
4. For young people: in this Jubilee Year, may they carry in their hearts a great hope that strengthens their faith and renews the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For lawmakers and those who uphold and administer the law. May they exercise their power with justice and mercy. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We give thanks for humanity’s share in your continuing work of creation: we praise you for your gifts of inventive skill and creative vision. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the unemployed and those suffering economic hardship, that they may be supported in the rebuilding of their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For our parish: help us to recognise and acknowledge each person’s God-given gifts and that their generosity may be rewarded. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those whose memory is failing - shelter them with dignity and peace. Bless them with understanding family and carers. In the face of loss of memory and control, increase their confidence in your love and strengthen their caregivers. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For those who have died: may they now rejoice in the presence of God’s unconditional love. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, as members of Christ’s Body, we come before you in one heart and mind, confident that you will hear our prayers and bring us consolation. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. **Amen**.