

Bidding Prayers First Sunday of Lent 21st/22nd February 2026

Reader: As we continue this Lenten journey, let us pray for the Church, that we may be fully aware of the presence of God, so that through the shadows of our humanity, the truth of the divine light will illuminate our shared purpose.

Lord, hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: For Leaders throughout the world, let us pray that they may act with justice and compassion, working to bring peace where there is conflict and hope where there is despair.

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Reader: For those preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Marriage or Ordination, Let us pray that they be strengthened in faith, inspired by the Holy Spirit and supported by their families and communities.

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Reader: For those who suffer: the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the sick. Let us pray that through the Christian action of others, they feel God's loving care and saving grace.

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Reader: For those who have died, let us pray that their souls are united with the Lord and that those who grieve receive the most gentle and loving divine comfort.

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Reader: Let us ask our Holy Mother of God to pray with us as we say...

Hail Mary...