**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** God has given to us, His Beloved Son. In his name, and by his grace, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church during the Jubilee 2025, may our Blessed Mother accompany her in her mission to spread the joy and peace that only Christ can offer. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For Pope Francis: may he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. Grant him strength through the healing power of your presence. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the work of Trócaire, our Catholic aid agency, that through its service of the gospel, people in need all over the world will experience our support. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who study ‘*the stars’:* Deepen their knowledge and understanding of your creation, ‘*the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place’*. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For candidates preparing for baptism at Easter: may the prayerful support and witness of believers help them to recognise the redeeming presence of Christ in their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
6. That all priests may enjoy the faithful support, gratitude, and encouragement of the people they serve and minister to. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who are seeking the ‘*face’* of God; open their hearts and enlighten their minds that they may discover the love of God ‘*written on their hearts*’. **Lord, hear us.**
8. As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Patrick, we pray for our diaspora throughout the world. May they be welcomed wherever they find themselves and may they make a valuable contribution to the communities in which they live. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died, transform their bodies into ‘*copies of his glorious body’*.

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, from a ‘*brilliant’* light you revealed the glory of Jesus as your Beloved Son. Enlighten us with the bright glory of your presence, and transform us into the image of the risen Lord. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**