PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRIEST: Jesus shows us the love of God our Father.
With confidence in that love we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church – for Pope Leo and Bishop Bosco,**
that, under their guidance, we may give witness to all peoples
with our generosity and faithfulness.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that those whose decisions shape others' lives**
may act with humility, integrity and justice.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who face persecution on account of their faith,**
that they may know the closeness of the kingdom
and be kept in safety and peace.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all whose lives are consumed by worldly desires, that they may**
have the discernment to know what is of real and lasting value.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves that, mindful of the many blessings we have received,**
we may be generous in our service to others.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm,**
that they will know the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,
you know each one of us and all our needs.
Help us always to recognise, and respond to, your call.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.