**Intercessions – 4th Sunday of Lent – 14th/15th March 2026 – Year A**

**Priest:** Celebrating this Laetare Sunday, a moment of joy in our journey through Lent, we turn to God who leads us from darkness into light and from sorrow into hope.

**Reader:** To the prayer: Lord hear us…Our Response is**: Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo, for our Bishop Richard Moth, and for all whom the Lord has called to minister to His People, as they call for peace in the Middle East. May Christian communities be places of welcome, compassion and safety for all who seek healing and a new beginning.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for the innocent victims of conflict, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan. May leaders reject violence and choose peace, truth, and respect for every person.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for all preparing for baptism and to receive the Eucharist and sacrament of reconciliation for the first time on Holy Saturday. May this be a time of peace and courage, and may they feel Christ close to them.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for those who face job insecurity and the pressures of rising living costs. May they find support from those around them and discover the help they need.

**PAUSE**

Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week
Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord…**Let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace**

We pray with Mary, the humble servant of the Lord; **Hail Mary..**

Silently we pray for our own intentions, those contained in our Parish Book of Intercessions and those of the Parish of **Our Lady of the Assumption, Bethnal Green.**

**A Parish Prayer for Peace 2026** Lord, send us the gift of peace. Change the hearts of those who choose violence and wage war. Turn them away from persecution and lead them towards peace. Transform hatred into understanding, anger into compassion, and fear into hope. Through your love, heal what is broken. Fill us with your Spirit, so that with one voice, we may cry out together, throughout the world: Lord, send us the gift of peace. Amen.

**Priest:** God of light and mercy, hear the prayers we bring before you. Strengthen us with your grace, that we may walk joyfully toward Easter. Through Christ our Lord.