



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant:** Through the Pascal Mystery of Jesus, in dying and so bringing life to all who believe in him, God has shown the glorious and innumerable things that even we simple beings can do through God who works in us. Let us therefore be thankful for him who did not spare his son for our sake, as we put forward our petitions:

**Let our response be: Lord, let your word remain in our hearts.**

1. For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious, that they may be sustained in their work by the Holy Spirit and be able to instill the word of God in the hearts of those who hear them, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
2. For the Government officials and those in authority, that they may respect the rights of the people under their care and protect their interests, especially the poor with scarce resources, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For all the people adversely affected by the corona pandemic – the businesses that have collapsed and forced to shutdown, the employers who are in financial tatters, the employees who have lost their income, and for all the self-employed who are left with meagre incomes, that they may find assistance from helpful individuals, Institutions and the government, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all the people, that during this season of Lent as we walk with the Lord in his passion, we may have a willing spirit and allow his commands to be written on our hearts and, in imitation of Jesus, offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to you to bring joy and solace to those in need, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... **Our response.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly Father, we thank you for impressing upon us the need to love you and those in need. May we accept willingly your command to love others, even whom we dislike, so that we, as one body, may ring out your praises together with one mind and heart. Listen to our prayers and grant them if you will, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord, Amen.