



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

**Second Sunday in O. T.**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant :** The scriptures speak of God's forgiveness of the people of Israel and how he will bless them with bountiful goodness as a sign of his love for them. The people of Jerusalem respond by glorifying him and praise God for his love for them. As we put forward our petitions, let us be aware of the bountiful love of God for us even to this day and bless him for showering his blessings on us:

**Let our response be : Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that God may strengthen them with his Holy Spirit and that they may glorify God for his immense generosity to the people, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – particularly those autocratic governments who have taken away the democratic rights of the people that, inspired by the Spirit, they may restore peace among the people and work towards restitution of human rights of their citizens, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the teenagers and youth that they may free themselves from addiction to devices and not be ashamed to embrace God in spite of peer pressure, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all of us, that we may be humbly aware of the unique gifts God has bestowed on each one of us and ask God to help us use those gifts for the growth of his kingdom, **we pray to the Lord, Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... , **we pray to the Lord, Our response.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly father, Jesus turned water into wine to deliver the bridegroom from a difficult situation at the prompting of Mother Mary. Help us in our difficulties and may we resort to the intercession of Mary, the mother of God, in all our predicaments, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.