

**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Mass for the Care of Creation**

**Presider:** Now let us bring our prayers to the Father.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For the people of Pakistan whose country is devastated by floods.  
May the international community come together once more this year  
and provide them with the humanitarian aid they so desperately need.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 2 For our Hong Kong friends as they celebrate their Mid-Autumn Festival.  
As they continue to settle here in the UK, may they feel welcome  
especially in this parish community.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 3 As we give thanks for the gift of the earth, our common home,  
may the Holy Spirit inspire us to change our ways  
and live our lives not centred on ourselves,  
but on the needs of others and those who will come after us.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 4 As the schools reopen after the summer holidays,  
we ask God to bless all the children and staff,  
especially the little ones starting school for the first time  
and the children beginning at high school.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 5 For our own personal intentions  
and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Robert Moore who has died, Eileen Lawton, Tommy O'Brien  
and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** God of love,  
receive our prayers.  
May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand,  
and so walk more readily in your ways.  
Through Christ our Lord.