

## **MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

### **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Presider:** To God, who holds the whole world in his hands, let us pray.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For those who suffer because they try to follow Christ.  
We think of countries where Christians are harassed and persecuted;  
individuals, like Jeremiah in the 1st Reading, who are marginalised  
and treated unjustly in the Church because of their prophetic voice;  
and those Christians who are ridiculed by other Christians  
because they express their faith differently and don't seem to fit in.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For Pope Francis as he visits the small Catholic community in Mongolia.  
May his presence encourage the different religions in the country  
to work together for the good of all.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the earth which God has entrusted to us.  
May we do all we can to protect our common home  
and safeguard it for future generations.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For all the children, young people and staff returning to school or college this week,  
especially the little ones who will be starting school for the first time,  
the young people beginning High School or College,  
and those who are feeling a bit anxious about the new term.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions  
and for those we are remembering this weekend,  
especially Colin Lloyd, Vera Brindle 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:** Father,  
hear our prayers,  
and help us to be good stewards of the earth,  
our common home.  
Through Christ our Lord.