MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Presider: We'll put the Creed and the Bidding Prayers together today.

So, after each intention, please join in singing the refrain from

the Lourdes 'Credo'.

Deacon or Reader:

For ourselves and all who are trying to follow Christ.

May we learn from his example and serve one another in gentleness and humility, having a special care for the poor and those in need.

R. Credo in unum Deum. Credo in unum Deum.

For the little parish of Holy Family in Gaza.

May the courageous decision of the clergy and nuns to stay and care for the vulnerable convert the hearts of those who bring death and violence to Gaza.

R. Credo in unum Deum. Credo in unum Deum.

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.

R. Credo in unum Deum. Credo in unum Deum.

For 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.

R. Credo in unum Deum. Credo in unum Deum.

For our own personal intentions, for Len Gannon and Patrick Kelly who have died, and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Christopher John Murphy, Sheila Mellor and all the people of this parish community.

(Pause for silent prayer)

R. Credo in unum Deum. Credo in unum Deum.

Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: Not for a place of honour

did your Son come among us, O God,

but to invite the poor,

the disadvantaged and the sinful. Let such humility grace our table,

and lead us to renounce the quest for power and privilege.

Through Christ our Lord.