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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	10:00am	George Chong RIP
Tuesday	10:00am	Martin Londergan RIP
Wednesday	7.00pm	Bernard Dunn RIP
Thursday	10:00am	Intention of Georgina Malize
Friday	10:00am	Intention of Pat & Attilio
Saturday	6:00pm	Intention of Anthony Konwea

### **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Anthony RIP
	12:00noon	Mother Earth

Next Sunday is **Education Sunday** and there will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service. This year the focus of education Sunday is to thank all those who work in Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication over what has been a very challenging 18 months. Parents, I hope you really appreciate how blessed we are in this parish with such a fantastic school. The dedication and commitment of our staff is wonderful. We welcome them back this week, hope you are well rested and thank you again.

#### **AS THE PSALMIST SAYS:-**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed  
it is he who gives food to the hungry  
The LORD who sets prisoners free.  
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.  
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
Zions God from age to age.  
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

#### **BUT HE NEEDS US**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking a million gestures of kindness to address the trail of poverty and loneliness left in the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic. Please let us know if you or anybody else needs help, we are blessed with a great group in this parish.

### **Fr Jack**

What a beautiful image from Isaiah; the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery. "For waters gush in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched lands springs of water." - The renewal of the face of the earth.

My God, do we need deliverance today? Maybe not you personally but 60% of the world....

The terror in the hearts of people of Afghanistan, Taliban takeover, the earthquakes in Haiti, racism, climate change, Covid fallout, trafficking, migrants, immigration, poverty, class discrimination and a whole heap of injustice, the floods in the USA. It's up to us.

**The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.**

With Christ we can change. He touched the man's ears and opened them.

He wants to touch our ears and our eyes and our hearts and our minds and open them.

Open them to new ways of seeing the world:

**To seeing things with the eyes of Christ.**

To seeing all people as my brothers and sisters and where there is need, helping them.

#### **1. "LAUDATO SI', mi Signore" -**

"Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.