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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	12:00noon	Intention of Ann & Peter
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Thelma
Wednesday	7.00pm	Intention of Parish Stewards
Thursday	10:00am	Intention of Alexius
Friday	10:00am	Ernie Russell RIP
Saturday	6:00pm	Alexandra RIP

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	8:30am	Intention of Molly
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	12:00noon	Mary Ogle RIP



Laudato Si'

127. We are convinced that "man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life". Nonetheless, once our human capacity for contemplation and reverence is impaired, it becomes easy for the meaning of work to be misunderstood. We need to remember that men and women have "the capacity to improve their lot, to further their moral growth and to develop their spiritual endowments". Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that "we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone", no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning.

Fr Jack

As ever, the readings are a great challenge to us. Our mass should be a springboard for us to do the real thing -- "Coming to the help of widows and orphans." I am sure Paul would open that up and move us on to coming to the help of anybody in need today.

And if our mass does not encourage, inspire, empower and move us onto coming to the help of those in need, then there is something radically wrong.

Perhaps we need to reflect and search our hearts to find the weakness in our thinking and lack of feeling for others. Reflection, reflection, reflection has got to be the way forward.

Again the question of evil raises its ugly head. Why is there evil in the world? There is no evil in the world, the only evil that exists, exists in the hearts of people.

As Jesus says, "Nothing that goes into a man can make him unclean. It's the things that come out of a person that make them unclean."

Evil thoughts and desires are created in the mind and in the heart. And when we reflect enough on them they become actions. Hence evil exists.

Imagination is a good thing, but do not live there. At times it can drive us mad.

As Paul says, "Fill your minds with all that is pure, noble and good. And let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts."

Sincere thanks to all the stewards who faithfully monitored all our church services since the beginning of Covid.

I believe they kept us all safe and they are still monitoring, thank you very much.

The mass on Wednesday at 7pm is a special mass for all stewards, followed by a bit of a get-together in the hall.

All stewards are very welcome.

**DREAM AS IF YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER.
LIVE AS IF YOU'LL DIE TODAY.**