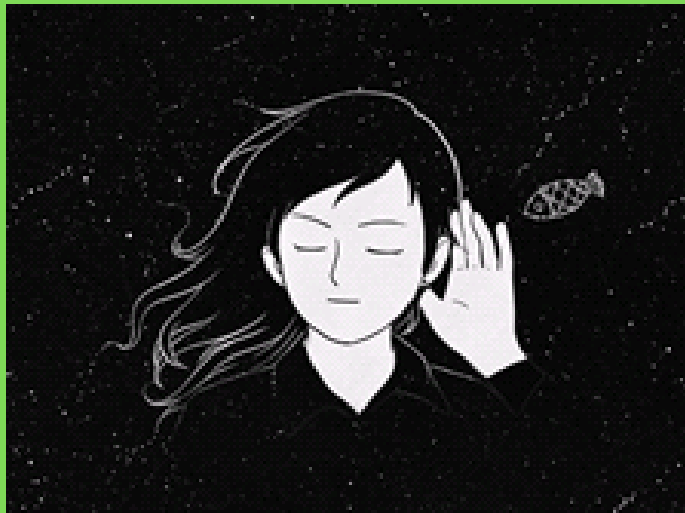




# SEASON OF CREATION

WEEK 1:

Sunday 5 September 2021  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Christ who opened the ears of the deaf man, open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*

*Jesus said to him "Ephphatha! Be opened!" and immediately the man's ears were opened.*

*Mark 7:34*

*Hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*

*Pope Francis: Laudato Si' paragraph 49*

In Laudato Si' Pope Francis asks us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Sometimes this can be difficult. We may need to ask for the gift of having our ears opened to the cry of nature.

## *What can we do?*

**SPIRITUAL DIMENSION:** Look through Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* until you find a sentence or a paragraph that speaks to you. Pray with it.

**LIFESTYLE DIMENSION:** Is there one thing you can change in your household which means that there will be less rubbish going to the landfill?

**PUBLIC SPHERE DIMENSION:** Look at media reports about impacts of climate change such as flooding. What voices are missing? Who needs to be heard?

## *For families and children's liturgy*

Listen to the wind, or look carefully at a tree, or smell a flower. What do our senses teach us about God's creation?