

Parish Newsletter Quotes and Actions for the Season of Creation

1st September (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Season of Creation **Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to walk together with all people of good will...to extend this harmony between human beings to creation.... with responsibility for a humane and integral ecology. " (' *To Hope and Act with Creation*' Message of His

Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024)

Action – Join forces with a local or international initiative taking responsibility for a humane and integral ecology.

8th September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Season of Creation **Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept**

"The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones." (# 9 *Laudate Deum*)

Action – There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise. How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an Individual. See <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

15th September (24th Sun. in Ordinary Time)



Season of Creation **Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept**

"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. (#77 *Laudato Si*)"

Action: reflect on the rich kupu Māori **aroha** and it's layers of meaning: sympathy, compassion, heart, open-mindedness and generosity. **Aro+hā** literally means to follow the breath and implies an attentive care for self, other and world: to follow one's heart, going with the flow.

You can use this karakia as a family during this Māori Language Week and might even try to learn it, noting the whakataukī within it "*aroha atu, aroha mai*".

Kia hora te marino,
kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
he huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei.
Aroha atu, aroha mai,
tātou i a tātou katoa.
Hui e! Tāiki e!

May peace spread before us,
May the ocean glisten like greestone,
a pathway for us all this day.
Love flowing out, love flowing in,
in respect for each other.
Bind us all together!

22nd September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



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“We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival. (# 22 *Laudate Deum*)

Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

29th September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)



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“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *Laudato Si'*)

Action: Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19–25)