

FOR PARISH LITURGY LEADERS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

The following ideas can be adapted according to need, context, timing and opportunity for your own parish community.

Date	Sunday	
6 Sept	23 rd Sunday Ordinary time. Social Justice week begins. Fathers' Day.	Year A. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) requires us to be responsible for the care of our whanau and all of God's creation.

Today marks the beginning of Social Justice Week. The theme for Social Justice Week is "Easy as CST: (Catholic Social Teaching) Unlocking the Church's Potential."

Also September is the Season of Creation and it's Father's Day!

Readings today

1st Reading: Ez 33:7-9

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9

<https://www.cjmmusic.com/downloads/psalms/audio/ps094-o-that-today.mp3>

2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

Suggested Hymns

This is my commandment I give you

Te Aroha

Brother Sister let me serve you

Awesome God (Chris Skinner)

Whakaaria Mai

Introduction at Mass

Tena koutou katoa.

We're gathered together today to celebrate the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Season of Creation.

Happy Father's Day!

Today also marks the beginning of Social Justice Week,

Our theme for Social Justice Week is "Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential." It's a special week when we pay particular attention to what our church teaches concerning social justice.

In line with Season of Creation we can ask ourselves what is Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

asking of us in relation to caring for the environment, expressed fully in the encyclical *Laudato Si'*- *Care for our common home*.

Pope Francis invites us to join the Season of Creation

Video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbK5l8OcjJg>

For the next five weeks we will be sharing ideas and actions linked to caring better for our common home.

Please stand for the entrance hymn.

Penitential Rite

Jesus, Son of God and co-creator of all creation.

Lord have Mercy.

Jesus who reconciles us with God with all creation

Christ have Mercy.

Jesus giver of abundant life

Lord Have Mercy.

Prayer of Faithful (Select from the following)

Invocation

E te Ariki Response: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

Celebrant: Let us raise our hearts and minds in prayer asking God to hear our petitions for our brothers, sisters and ourselves in connection with all life on this Earth - our common home.

We pray Lord for Pope Francis who challenges us to become informed regarding the care of the Earth. Help us to follow his call and become builders of a sustainable ecological future for generations to come.

We pray for the wisdom to hear and understand the voice of our youth who call us to acknowledge and take action in regard to what action we can take to limit climate change.

We pray for the poor who suffer when their subsistence living and incomes are destroyed by deforestation which compromises the land they live on and work.

We pray that the delicate balance of ensuring New Zealand's economic needs are considered a priority focus on earth care rather than wanton destruction.

We pray for those seeking to represent us in our coming election. Guide them to a greater awareness of the interconnectedness of people and all you have created. May your Spirit give them wisdom to make decisions that address the intrinsic needs of all your creation.

We ask blessings on all fathers natural and spiritual. Help them to be people who model love, compassion and hope. May they use their gifts and talents in the service of others.

We pray for our ancestors and all those who have gone before us. We ask eternal life for them and that they pray for us on our pilgrim journey.

“A real concern today is that liturgy and social justice tend to be treated as two unrelated activities in the life of the Church... the equality we know at the table of Christ’s Body must be celebrated at all other tables.”

(Cardinal Thomas Williams - Social Justice Week 2020 booklet p.2)

