

We have taken great inspiration from Our Holy Father Pope Francis' encyclical: "Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home" (2015)

We are therefore happy that we will be Celebrating "Laudato Si' Week" - 16th to 25th May 2021. We are looking forward to the release of the "Laudato Si' Action Platform" for a 7-year sustainability journey. It will be released at the end of the week (24th/25th May 2021).

What a difference this encyclical has made! It has put the care for God's creation as a very important aspect of Catholic Social teachings. Yet it does of course not take away the need to care for the poor and most vulnerable people. Pope Francis encourages us to **"hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"** (49, LS).

The May 2021 Newsletter "Whaia te Tika – Seek Justice" is relevant for Laudato Si Week
.....[Click here to view](#)

Laudato Si' Week Poster 17th May 2021 : [Click here to view](#)

Laudato Si' Week Poster 24th May 2021 : [Click here to view](#)

Facebook posts during Laudato Si' Week will be available at "Justice & Peace Catholic Diocese of Auckland: <https://www.facebook.com/Justice-Peace-Catholic-Diocese-of-Auckland-New-Zealand-145308722336400/>

Links included in the the article about "Laudato Si' Week" in the magazine Liturgy, Vol 45, number 1, March 2020

by Susanne Montgomerie, convenor of the Environment and Sustainability Committee:

- "A prayer for our Earth". Maybe it could be prayed together before or during the "Prayers of the faithful". You can find the prayer here: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/wpcontent/uploads/2015/08/Aprayerforourearth.pdf>
- Special prayers for the care of creation and our Common Home during the "prayers of the faithful". Examples of prayers here: <https://fran.cis35.org/english/prayer-faithful/>
- Including a quote from "Laudato Si'", which you find especially relevant. You can find many selections of quotes online. Here is a link to one of them: <https://churchpop.com/2015/06/18/26-key-quotes-from-pope-francis-encyclical-on-the-environment-laudato-si/>
- Having a special "Laudato Si' mass": You can find an example here Mass could be planned: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CQMMhtqcK21XGNtXot3qKWyKB5ZnIEW4/view>

- A special rosary: A normal rosary but with an addition of short meditations on both our blessed Virgin and creation:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X53spMIbd7pasdkw-xIALTPoPKPKSk8p/view>
- During a special gathering (outside of mass) there would be more time for prayer and worship focused on the message of "Laudato Si'" and special prayers for creation. There would also be time for reflection and discussion as to what we as individuals, families and parish can do and will be committed to doing. See "Prayers for Laudato Si' Circles and retreats". Some suggested plans here:
<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/retreats/>

Other links and contacts:

Liturgy resources:

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/liturgical-prayer-and-spiritual-resources/>

Live Laudato Si Pledge prayer resources:

http://livelaudatosi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/LSPLedgePrayer_Resources-EN-v2.pdf

Action/commitment resources: Take the Laudato Si Pledge (as an individual, a family, a parish, an organisation: <http://livelaudatosi.org/>

How to create a "Laudato Si'" Circle:

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/circles/>

How to plan a "Laudato Si'" retreat:

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/retreats/>