

Season of Creation:

INFORMATION:

- 1) Season of Creation 2021: Theme Abraham's Tent (see 1) below)
- 2) What is the Season of Creation? Information from EarthBeat e-newsletter (see 2) below)
- 3) Pope Francis calls Catholics worldwide to celebrate the ecumenical Season of Creation. His letter to the faithful from 2019. Click here to view:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html
- 4) The Celebration Guide: Please see 4) below.

PRAYERS:

- 5) Special Prayers for Season of Creation Please click the "Prayers for the Environment" "box" above on this webpage.
- 6) General Prayers for the Environment (all are relevant for Season of Creation): Please click the "Prayers for the Environment" "box" above on this webpage.
- 7) Liturgy resources for Prayer of the Faithful. Please click the "Prayers for the Environment" "box" above on this webpage.
- 8) "Celebration Guide 2021" – with lots of suggested prayers and activities (Please see 4) below)

REFLECTION:

- 9) These six "**Stations of Creation**" are based on St Francis' Canticle of Creatures and can be used to provide us with an opportunity for quiet reflection on the wonders of God's creation: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Stations-of-Creation.pdf>
- 10) Laudato Si' Week Poster 24th May: has quotes from the Laudato Si' encyclical and offers reflection questions. Please click on the Laudato Si' Week link above on this webpage.
- 11) Maybe reflect on signing up for the Laudato Si' Action Platform? It launches on 4th October. Here are some of the goals and suggested actions: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/app/uploads/2021/05/overview-of-laudato-si-goals-and-actions.pdf> and here is a link to the Laudato Si' Action Platform main page for you to have a look at: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
- 12) Follow our facebook page during the Season of Creation: <https://www.facebook.com/JusticeAndPeaceCDA>

ACTION:

13) Our pamphlet “23 GREEN TIPS – Small steps towards a sustainable life” is available on this webpage (see the box...Pamphlet). It has suggestions for small actions to take.

14) “Laudato Si’ Action Platform goals and suggested actions” contain lots of ideas for action: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/app/uploads/2021/05/overview-of-laudato-si-goals-and-actions.pdf>

1) The Season of Creation is celebrated worldwide in the month of September ending with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

This year the global Christian family will participate in initiatives of **prayer, sustainability, and advocacy to care for our common home**. This year’s Season of Creation symbol is **Abraham’s tent**. It expresses the ecumenical call of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and non-human in the household (oikos) of God. Further information, prayers and other liturgy resources can be found at Justice & Peace - Catholic Diocese of Auckland (aucklandcatholic.org.nz) at the environment/sustainability tab. information by the Environment & Sustainability committee for Parish Newsletters 2021

2) The Season of Creation is a monthlong prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — not just "distant" nature, but, crucially, the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures. The ecumenical steering committee that plans and promotes the season each year put it this way:

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The info above is from the EarthBeat Website where you can find more information: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/what-season-creation>

4) The Celebration Guide for Season of Creation 2021 can be downloaded from: <https://seasonofcreation.org/2021/05/10/season-of-creation-2021-celebration-guide-en-news/>