

Religious Education

Let Us Pray...

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.

I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is *Jubilee for the Earth*, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day. In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth” Ps 104: 30

Pope Francis's Prayer for the Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united with
every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
Amen.

Sacramental Program 2020

In light of the current and ongoing restrictions the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist will not take place this year. We are still still hoping the Sacrament of Reconciliation can go ahead later on in Term 4, in the form of First Rite Reconciliation (Father and candidate) on site at school.

When further recommendations and information is communicated via the Archdiocese, families will be notified as soon as possible.

St Augustine's Day









