

English Martyrs' Newsletter

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

4th/5th September 2021

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a welcoming community, inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. We are inspired to show God's love to the world with joy and hope.

The ecumenical celebration of the 2021 Season of Creation—themed “A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God”—runs from 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, through to 4th October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. During this annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home, Christians across the globe will come together for a time of restoration and hope, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation.

Pope Francis invites participation

Pope Francis has called on Catholics to act for our common home during the Season of Creation. In the Pope Video for the month of September, he encourages everyone to question the way we live, and to turn “towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment.” The Holy Father has also stressed that the “cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are becoming increasingly serious and alarming,” urging Catholics to take “decisive, urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity.” “Together with our brothers and sisters of different Christian denominations, let us pray and work for our common home in these times of grave planetary crisis,” the Pope said.

The 2021 Season of Creation comes just a few weeks before the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), scheduled to take place from November 1-12 in Glasgow, Scotland. It also comes on the heels of a dismal, recently released UN climate report which makes it clear that we are running out of time to avert the worst effects of the ecological crisis and the climate emergency.

Participating in the Season of Creation

A statement from the Laudato Si' Movement further invites participation in the “annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home,” pointing out that Christians make up more than 25 percent of the world's population, and “they truly have the potential to change their communities and the world for good during the next five weeks.” The faithful are also encouraged to make use of the [Season of Creation Celebration Guide](#) “to show the global Christian family how they are taking action by registering their events at the Season of creation website.”

Healthy Planet, Healthy people Petition

In addition to individual and communal efforts during the Season of Creation, the Laudato Si' Movement is inviting Christians to advocate for the least among us by signing the “[Healthy planet, Healthy People](#)” petition ahead of the COP 26 meeting, in order to tell “world leaders how they should care for God's creation.”

Further resources to help Catholics gather signatures and host petition-signing events, both online and in-person are available on the Season of Creation website.

Fr. Michael

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MASS TIMES: No Booking Required

- Monday 6th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 7th at 9.30am
- Wednesday 8th Sept at 9.30am
- Thursday 9th at 9.30am
- Friday 10th at 9.30am
- Saturday 11th at 10.00am

Saturday 11th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;
Sunday 12th at 7.30am: 9.30am: 11.30am:
and 5.00pm.

11.30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed
onto our YouTube channel.



Confessions will be heard in
the confessional on:
Saturday 11th after 10am
Mass and at 5.00pm.
Sunday 12th at 4.00pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday:-
10.00am to 6.00pm

Available on Zoom (our website Calendar page has the links)

Faith Formation:- weekly on a Monday 7.00 to 9.00pm :

Homegroups:- Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00pm : Emmaus Groups:- various days/times :

Divine Mercy Chaplet:- 3.00pm Daily : Pray the Rosary:- 4.00pm Daily :

Night Prayer:- 9.00pm Daily

Going into Hospital: If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please let the Catholic Chaplaincy know. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you.
Ring the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.



A small steering group have been studying Laudato Si; a letter from Pope Francis on Care for our Common Home. He implores us to listen to " The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

In response to this, we have been researching how we can work together as a parish to Live Simply, Live sustainably with creation and Live in solidarity with the poor.

With this in mind, a parish **Live Simply** Action Plan will be launched shortly.

To discover more about Laudato Si, why not watch a short video available on our website by clicking on <https://englishmartyrsrdg.com/care-for-creation/>

And for more information about our group, please contact the parish office.

Changes to our Masses

From this weekend, we will not have social distancing at the 11.30am and 5.00pm Sunday Masses. The Baptistry and hall will continue with social distancing at these Masses for those who need it. The 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am Masses will all continue with social distancing.

At all Masses please continue to wear face coverings, sanitise on entry and follow the current one-way system. The stewards will continue to take your temperature and show you where to sit.

Communion will continue to be distributed at your place in the church at the Saturday Vigil, 7.30am and 9.30am Masses but at the Sunday 11.30am and 5.00pm, Communion will be distributed from the front of the church and at your seat in the Baptistry and hall. The stewards will be on hand to ensure that you know when to go up and where to go. Please do ask them if you are unsure.

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th September.**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 4 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Deceased members of the McCormack and Martland families RIP
Sunday 5 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
	11.30am <i>Live Streamed</i>	Joe Murray
	5.00pm	Pat Leonard RIP
Monday 6 th	10.00am	Pat Leonard RIP
Tuesday 7 th	9.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
Wednesday 8 th	9.30am	Ann Brophy RIP
Thursday 9 th	9.30am	Connell Keane RIP
Friday 10 th	9.30am	Mike Sarjent RIP
Saturday 11 th	10.00am	Gonzalo Duldulao RIP

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11 th (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm	Nanayakkara family RIP
Sunday 12 th	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Colleen D'Cruz RIP
	11.30am	Pat Leonard RIP
	5.00pm	Anne Brady RIP