

RESOURCES

The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.

The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is

"Living Water"

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POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION 2026

His message and accompanying social media tile for 2026 is available [here](#).

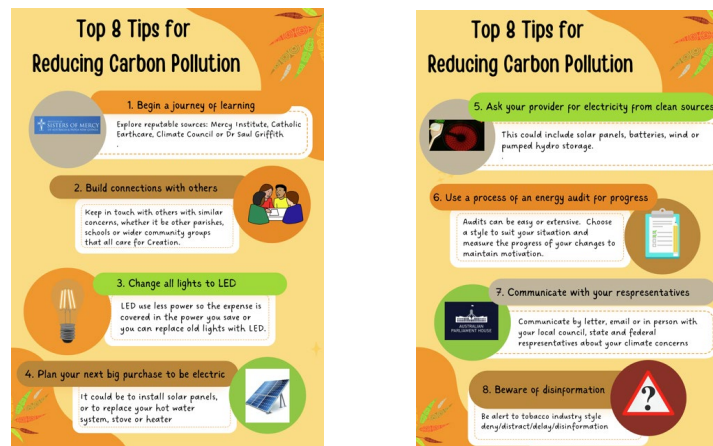
One way you can help your community engage in the Pope's message is to share a short quote from this message on each of the five Sundays during the Season of Creation.

Launch of our Two New Information Flyers

Top 8 Tips for Reducing Carbon Pollution

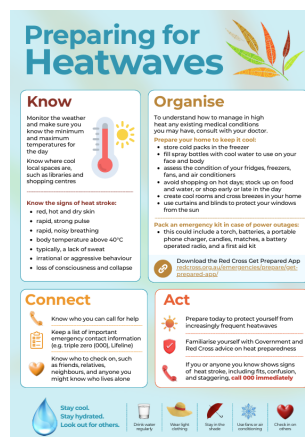
Reducing our Carbon Pollution is a concrete and powerful action towards caring for the earth. People often are overwhelmed with the challenge, but this back-to-back flyer motivates and encourages action. This Season of Creation choose one new 'tip' and establish it as a habit in your life. Also share your love for God's creation by displaying or sharing this handout with your community, family or social media.

The flyer can be accessed [here](#).



Preparing for Heatwaves

Through watching the impact of heatwaves in Europe recently, we can all see how important it is that we care for our elderly, ill and very young community members. With the warming of our planet, it is important that we care for those most vulnerable to changes in temperature. After looking at a variety of resources, we have created a clear flyer for parishes and communities that outlines what we need to know and organise and how to connect and act during heatwaves. The flyer can be accessed [here](#).



Liturgy Notes

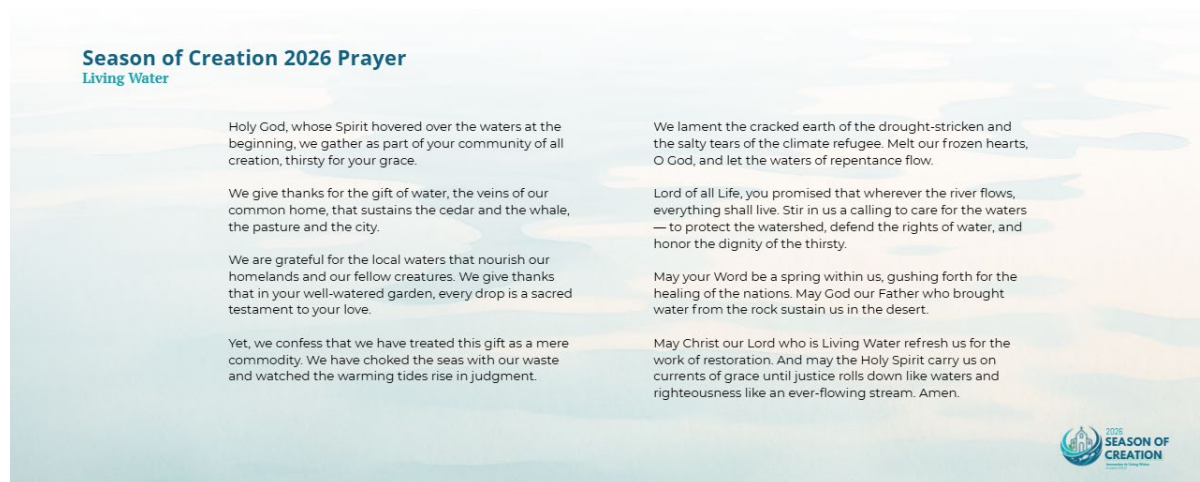
The Vatican released in 2025 a **Mass for the Care of Creation**. This can be accessed [here](#).

Prayers of the Faithful can be accessed [here](#).

Sprinkling Rite can be accessed [here](#).

Season of Creation Prayer

Link to newsletter [insert](#), [flyer](#) and [social media tiles](#)



Bowl of Tears Liturgy

The Bowl of Tears Liturgy is both powerful and important. It recognises the loss in our natural world today but also focuses on motivating action for the future.

The Laudato Si' Movement site explains where the service has been used, how to do this ceremony and how it leads to valuable action.

"Lamenting together is not surrender. It is an act of faith that opens the door to hope."

The article and resource can be accessed [here](#).

An Ecological Examen

The Ecological Examen is a tool to help you to deepen your commitment to care for creation and the most vulnerable people on the planet: an Ignatian Examen can be accessed [here](#).

For Families and Educators – Launch of New Resources

From the Archdiocesan Ministries, Children and Families Team **new resources for families, schools, parishes and communities are being shared very soon.** The package will include prayer experiences, videos, and activities. The link to these outstanding resources will be found [here](#).



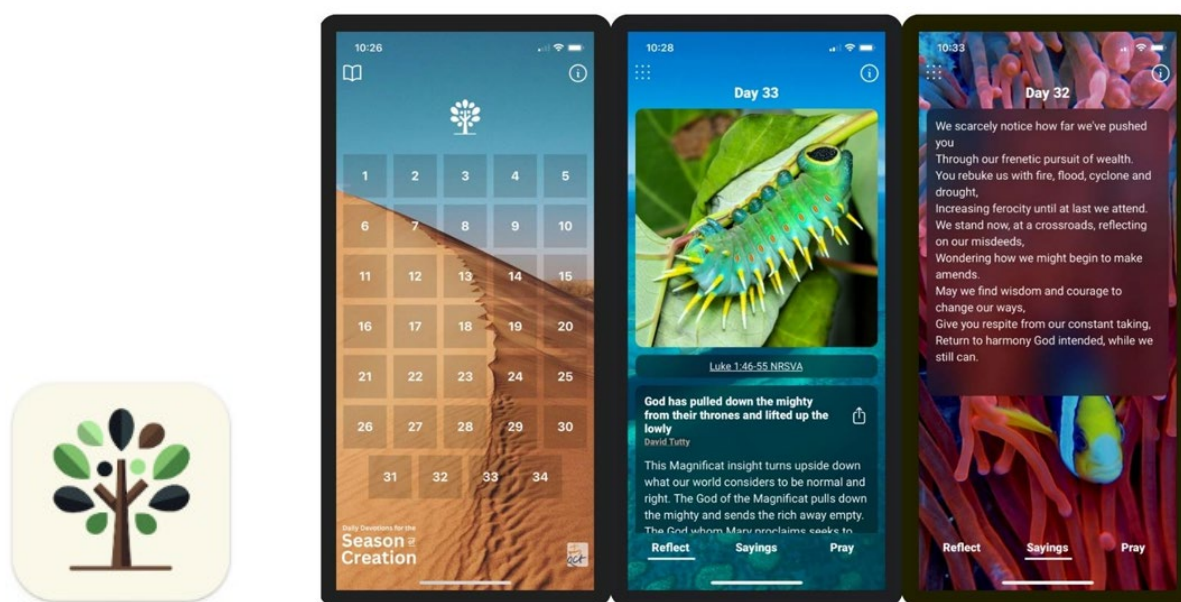
Season of Creation App – Created by Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN)

QCEN has a devotional app for Season of Creation. It is a 34 day reflection series that brings together scripture, reflections, prayers and poems from many Christian traditions. Look for ‘Season of Creation’ in your app store and download.

PDF copy of the document can be downloaded [here](#).

A limited number of books have been printed and are available for \$10 each plus postage. Contact admin@qct.org.au to order your copy.

See [link](#) to access the flyer describing the App.



Parish Weekly Laudato Si' Reflections

Another way to focus the parish on weekly reflections is to share the Laudato Si' Reflection Sheets, either on the notice board, as flyers or on social media. (They were created last year but have been updated for 2026.) They can be used individually or in groups for discussion. There is a new sheet for each week that can be accessed [here](#). An example is below.



The image shows a reflection sheet for Laudato Si'. At the top, there is a photograph of a person looking out over a field. Overlaid on the photo is the text: "Laudato Si' Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God. n 119 www.social-spirituality.net". Below the photo, the sheet is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "REFLECTION" and contains three numbered questions. The right column is titled "PRAYER FOR RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS" and contains a prayer text. At the bottom of the sheet, there are three logos: a circular logo with a church and the text "2026 SEASON OF CREATION", a logo with a cross and the text "SEASON OF CREATION", and a logo with a cross and the text "SEASON OF CREATION".

Laudato Si'

Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God. n 119

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REFLECTION

1. When did you last take a moment to enjoy the gift of nature?
2. Have you felt the importance of listening deeply to another's experience that is so different to your own?
3. Does your care of the environment reflect your appreciation of God's gift?

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Creator God,
you made us for relationship
with one another
with creation
and with you.
Teach us to respect one another
and help each other
to become all you made us to be.
Help us to care for one another,
and for all of your creation.
May we never forget
that all we are
and all we have
and all that is
exists by your grace.

Sandie Cornish

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Laudato Si' Chaplet

Using the very same words of St Francis of Assisi, the Laudato Si Chaplet is a simple prayer technique to pray with creation, inspired by the saint's Canticle of the Creatures, the hymn that inspired the title of the Laudato Si' encyclical. Seeing 2026 is the 800 anniversary of St Francis, this is a great time to use the Chaplet, which helps us develop an 'ecological spirituality' (LS 216) and deepen our "ecological conversion" (LS 217-221) by:

- Developing spiritual attitudes of praise towards God the Creator, and of universal fraternity with all of Creation,
- Enhancing our capacity to contemplate the beauty of Creation with awe and wonder
- Deepening interior peace and our relationship with God the Creator.

Ultimately, this "ecological spirituality [...] can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world" (LS 216).

Access to the Chaplet, outlined by Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Catholic Parish, can be found [here](#).

Community Action - Banners

Again, we are encouraging all parishes, schools and communities to demonstrate our commitment to caring for creation in the Season of Creation by displaying banners. This not only generates valuable conversations in our communities but clearly promotes to the wider community our Laudato Si' values.

In the Cathedral, we are using the same design as last year (to avoid a throw away culture). We encourage communities that already have a banner to display it from the 1st September to the 4th October and if you would like to order a banner contact Emma Beach (beache@bne.catholic.net.au) before the 20th August. The banners can be either 6x1 meters or 3x1 meters.



Season of Creation Websites

A wide variety of quality resources can also be found on these key websites:

[Season of Creation Website](#)
[National Council of Churches in Australia](#)
[Catholic Earthcare - Caritas](#)
[Laudato Si' Movement](#)
[Common Grace](#)

**If you need further information on the Season of Creation Resources,
please contact Emma Beach at beache@bne.catholic.net.au.**