

Let us begin celebrating the “Feast of Creation” on 1st September

In 2015, Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1 for the Catholic Church. And sometime before, also inspired by the Orthodox celebration, the World Council of Churches extended it to be a month-long “Season of Creation” from that day till October 4 (Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of ecology), which all major Christian denominations then joined to celebrate together.



As Pope Francis explained recently: “Creation refers both to God’s mysterious, magnificent *act* of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing *result* of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift.”

“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, Roman Catholic Church

Let us begin this month considering ways in which we can play some small part in looking after our gift of creation “*Think globally, act locally*” in doing this we lighten our own footprint as individuals which spills over to the footprint collectively within our parish as a Christian community in love with creation. Suggestions to follow weekly. Mary

