

CARE OF CREATION 2025

1 September through to the feast of St. Francis on 4 October



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

THE CARE OF CREATION begins with us, here in Australia on the first day of Spring; the passing of winter and the shorter days, a time for planting seeds for new growth and hope in the future.

This significant time gives us the opportunity to reflect on *Laudato Si*, examine our habits and actions towards all that we are connected to; our relationship with God, ourselves, our neighbour and creation. It has been ten years since the *Laudato Si* encyclical was passed to us by Pope Francis. The encyclical had a significant effect on the world calling us to the Care for our Common Home.

THE 2025 SYMBOL is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "Garden of Peace," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable..

*The fortress will be abandoned,
the noisy city deserted;
citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever,
the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,
till the Spirit is poured on us from on high,
and the desert becomes a fertile field,
and the fertile field seems like a forest.
The LORD's justice will dwell in the desert,
his righteousness live in the fertile field.
The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;
its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.
My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,
in secure homes,
in undisturbed places of rest*

Isaiah 32: 14-18

IN YOU
JESUS,
WE PLACE OUR
TRUST

