



Pope Francis has declared this to be a special anniversary year for *'Laudato si'*. After five years since its publication, the urgency of the message is greater than ever. St Josephs Parish is joining with Plimmerton and Otari Parishes to take part in Seasons of Creation From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation. It's the "Season of Creation". The beginning and the end date of Season of Creation are linked with the concern for creation in the Eastern and the Western traditions of Christianity, respectively.

2020 Pre-Election Forum: Tue 1 September, St Mary's College Hall, 6-8pm
(Refreshments from 5.30pm, please bring your own cup)

Whakarongo ki te tangi a Papatūānuku - Hear the Cry of the Earth. Is a discussion chaired by Dr Areti Metumate of Te Kupenga - Catholic Leadership Institute, Climate Change and Environment spokespeople from the major political parties will respond to questions posed by youth on care of the earth.

Season of Creation liturgies. (September 6th October 4th)

There will be an eco-focus in the liturgies for the five Sundays during this Season of Creation. Ideas for these will be via a shared effort from the three parish teams who have participated in the *Laudato Si* formation series in 2019-2020. We hope you will participate fully in the Eucharistic celebrations for growing a deeper love with all of creation.

Spring Festival 12th September

Floral Display we welcome participants to display flower arrangements
Build a mini garden for a small backyard. (display)

September 13th (Donation collection for garden materials and plants)

Sunday 20th September 1pm to 3pm

Station of creation, Creation Walk. Stations of creation will take the form of prayer and reflection on the Genesis story of creation to create a memorable walk in the local area illuminated the story as we contemplate the natural earth around us. The walk will begin at Awa Kairangi Park we'll make our way via the river path up to Harcourt park bridge returning via the river walk on the opposite side of the river returning to the park for refreshments. If you would like to prepare a station please call Judy 0220434703 who can support you to develop this if needed.

Sunday 27th of September , 12 noon onwards

Reuse, recycle, repurpose Bring along your used treasures and sell buy or swap them. Only good items that can be used by or repurposed for use by others please. Help with this is welcomed call Teresa 022 312 7259.

October the 4th feast of St Francis Prayer service and Blessing of the animals more info closer to date. Contact St Joseph's EJP Group members Judy or Teresa.