



Season of Creation 2026

1 September–4 October

As we prepare to celebrate the first Sunday during the Season of Creation 2026, let us take action—individually and collectively as parish communities—to care for ‘our common home’.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration which invites us to respond in hope and commit to positive action in meeting the challenge and responsibility of caring for creation—‘our common home’. This challenge has been underlined by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si’* (2015) and *Laudate Deum* (2023), and by Pope Leo XIV in his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026.

As we journey through the Season of Creation, which commenced on 1 September and continues to the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October—also marking the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis’s death, his *Transitus*—let us each take one action to show care for our planet, ‘our common home’.

Living Water

The theme for the 2026 season is ‘**Living Water**’, symbolised by a small stream flowing from the Temple of God and growing into a deep and powerful river. ‘*Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope.*’ Christians worldwide are called to address water scarcity, pollution, freshwater damage and climate justice.

What action will we take this season to show care for our planet, our common home?

Put an eco-tip into action

- Endeavour to buy locally sourced food on one shopping visit.
- Make one journey on foot or use public transport.
- Select one day and turn off all non-essential lights.
- Join the ‘Waterwise’ webinar on 10 September, from 12.00 to 13.00, for simple and practical ways to save water at home.

Start the conversation with family and friends

What can we do to care for our common home? Involve young people in our conversations—their voices matter, as they will inherit the planet that we create.

Read and consider what others are saying

Keep informed and join wider discussions by visiting one of the following:

- seasonofcreation.org
- www.catholicbishops.ie
- info@jointhedotstogether.org

Read ‘My Appeal’ (paragraphs 13–16) in *Laudato Si’—On Care for Our Common Home*; visit www.vatican.va.

Contribute your ideas and talents to a parish group

Consider joining a parish group or supporting an event organised in your parish in response to ‘*the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*’ (LS 49).

Let’s rise to the challenge

Pope Francis had every confidence that we can make change happen.

‘All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents’ (LS 14).

Down and Connor Laudato Si’ Group