

Laudato Si - in our parish

Pope Francis's recent encyclical, Laudato Si' ("Praised Be You"), has been one of the most widely anticipated papal documents in recent memory. It has also received far more popular commentary than would be expected of a papal encyclical. Yet, while Laudato Si' has been widely dubbed "the climate change" encyclical, it is far broader than that. It is also a far-reaching analysis of a number of political, economic, social and legal issues, in addition to being an extensive exposition on human duties toward creation.

In our Parish we have embraced the concept of Laudato Si and followed in particular the theme of stewardship. That is why we have this obligation to care and respect for our Creator who gave us our world and why we should love and respect for it as well as those with whom it is to be shared.

Laudato Si' criticises those who fail to care for that with which they have been entrusted and the consequences that can flow from that failure. Certainly, in a very tangible and obvious sense, we all are stewards of the natural, created world and hold and tend it for each other, for the glory of God, and for the generations to come.

Here in the Parish we marked the Day of Prayer for Creation on Sunday 8th September with a Holy Hour focussed on Laudato Si and a Rosary of Creation.

People have already signed the Live Simply Pledge at the back of the church. (more names required please)

We will have a Harvest Festival on Sunday 15th September at the 10.00am Family Mass.

We will end the Season of Creation on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis with a celebration of Laudato Si at the 6.15pm Mass.

There is much to be done that will be reflected in all our Parish events and activities and we here in the Parish shop encourage recycling and the re using of preloved items and have been doing so for 11 years.

This is the Pledge to Live Simply

I promise that to the best of my ability I will live simply by adopting these actions in my life and encourage my family to do likewise:

If you are interested in the Live Simply initiative in the Parish see the Newsletter/ web site or contact Deacon Tom 07950 093890 email: tommccarthy@rcaos.org.uk

