

Gratitude: care for creation



W/C Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

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Pray together.

In the name of the Father  
And of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit,

Amen

**Our theme this week is Gratitude – care for creation** Our Mission asks us to make a difference in our world. We have a duty to care for God's creation, a responsibility for stewardship. We take time this week to give gratitude for what God has provided for us. We need to show our thanks through our actions to care for the world around us. Our own environment here in our community and around the world.

At Saint Monica's we are a Catholic family, diverse and different, supporting each other in all we do through prayer and service.

We seek to live out the gospel values of justice, forgiveness and Peace recognising the potential of each person in our community.

As members of Saint Monica's, we are challenged to develop our God given talents to the full, so we are **prepared to make a difference in our world.**



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Matthew 21:28-32

In yesterday's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the two sons. It reminds us that we should honour God with both our words and our actions.



Dear Lord,  
Help me to honour you today  
through my words and  
through my actions,  
May I show care for others  
and for the environment  
around me,  
May I speak well of others  
and show respect to all in our  
community,

Amen.



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### Season of Creation 2023 Let Justice and Peace Flow



Creator God,  
You show us what love is  
through the beauty of the earth  
and the gift of your Son.  
For the love of...  
animal and plant  
mountain and forest  
sea and city  
woman and man  
friend and family  
those who live far from us  
and those yet to be born.  
Move us to live more simply,  
to protect the earth  
and to speak up for those in need.  
Amen.





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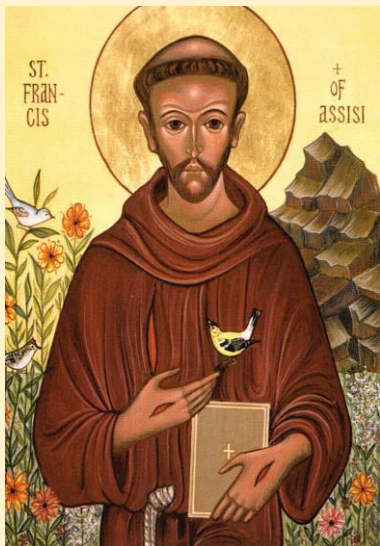
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- Today is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Today is also the last day of the season of Creation.
- Saint Francis is known for his love of nature and the world and for his desire to live a life for Christ not worrying about material wealth.
- Our current Pope took the name Francis to show his respect for St Francis and to follow his example in leading the Church today.



## Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is sadness, joy.



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Our theme this week is Gratitude and care for creation.

We ask God to help us to look after his creation in this prayer by Pope Francis

All powerful God,  
you are present in the universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

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Tomorrow is the **feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**.

The rosary is a set of prayers encouraging us to remember important events in the life of Mary and Jesus.

October is a month devoted to Our Lady and the prayers of the Rosary.

Today ask Mary to carry your prayers to God as you say the Hail Mary.

*Hail Mary,*

Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.

*Amen.*



*Classically*





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