The Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

The Season of Creation 2021.

We wish to encourage all our catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation, 1st September to 4th October. It is especially important this year because there are two United Nations Conferences of great importance, in October, the COP 15 on Biodiversity will take place in China, and in November, COP 26 on Climate Change will be in Glasgow. We should pray for the success of these two conferences.

**The theme for this Season of Creation is “A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.”**

Here is the link to the invitation from the Vatican to celebrate this Season of Creation. - [***https://drive.google.com/file/d/1inZAPqO76fiA9XirHaCc-QCUOUlwXz7P/view***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1inZAPqO76fiA9XirHaCc-QCUOUlwXz7P/view)

**We also encourage every parish to celebrate Climate Sunday, that is to focus one Sunday’s Liturgy on praying for God’s Creation. There are resources to help here:** [***www.climatesunday.org***](https://www.climatesunday.org/)**and on the CAFOD website: *www.cafod.org.uk***

Below are links to resources which can be used to help celebrate the Season of Creation. The main source for help is “The Season of Creation” website.

The first is from the Season of Creation.org website and contains an excellent webinar:

[***Christians encouraged to begin planning meaningful action for ecumenical Season of Creation before UN summits - Season of Creation***](https://seasonofcreation.org/2021/06/03/christians-encouraged-to-begin-planning-meaningful-action-for-ecumenical-season-of-creation-before-un-summits/)

**FULL GUIDE :** [*2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf (seasonofcreation.org)*](https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf)

and : [Home Interest - Season of Creation](https://seasonofcreation.org/)

The CAFOD website contains an excellent Liturgy and a Novena to St. Francis. Search ‘Season of Creation’. ***www.cafod.org.uk***

An excellent Columban resource, explores the Sunday scripture readings during the Season: [***www.columban.org.au/catholic-mission-files/pdf/educational-resources/catholic-season-of-creation/2021-year-b/year-b-introduction-2021-web.pdf***](https://www.columban.org.au/catholic-mission-files/pdf/educational-resources/catholic-season-of-creation/2021-year-b/year-b-introduction-2021-web.pdf)

Journey to 2030 - Season of Creation Resources - [***https://journeyto2030.org/praying-with-the-gospels-stories-from-around-the-world-and-excerpts-from-laudato-si/***](https://journeyto2030.org/praying-with-the-gospels-stories-from-around-the-world-and-excerpts-from-laudato-si/)

Finally, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development launches the **Laudato Si Action Platform** on the Feast of St Francis. [***https://laudatosiactionplatform.org***](https://laudatosiactionplatform.org)

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