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Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Commission

THE CARMELITES OF AUSTRALIA AND TIMOR LESTE

*Health in the Lord and the Blessing of the Holy Spirit.. [Rule of Saint Albert
Saudavel iha Maromak no grasa Spirtu Santo Nian . [Regula Sto Alberto]*

**SEASONS
OF
CREATION**

1st SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER - Week 3



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the more we uncover the sacramentality of creation.
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and we are immersed in a world that continues to reveal
the presence of the divine Word.*

**Social Justice Statement 2021-22:
Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/>

God of all creation,
the heavens tell of your glory
and the earth is full of wonders
that sing of your goodness.

Sun, moon, stars and sky,
rain, snow, wind and water,
animals, birds, trees and flowers:
all are shaped by your loving hand.

Open in us an attentiveness
that recognizes and welcomes
the holy that enfolds us and calls our
name.

Form us to be people who delight
In life as your gift
To be revered, savoured, and nourished.
AMEN.

***We acknowledge the unique place of the
wisdom of the First Nationals peoples,
who were caring for country before
Abraham set out for the promised land,
and who continue to do so today.***

***EXTRACTS from the the Australian Bishops' Social
Justice Statement 2021-22***

God respects the freedom in which we are made
and holds all things in love, even though we may
fail to love creation itself.

The more we recognise this divine presence the
more we uncover the sacramentality of creation.
The universe is infused with the love of God and
we are immersed in a world that continue to
reveal the presence of the divine Word. The
psalms rejoice in the divine artisan: "I look upon
the heavens, made by your fingers, at the moon
and the stars you set in place (Ps 8:3)"

The saints appreciate it in song and prayer. St
Francis sings, 'Praised be You, my Lord, through
our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs
us, and who produces varied fruits with coloured
flowers and herbs.'

The liturgy takes up this underlying sacramentality
in all things as it uses water, wheat, grape, oil,
music, smell, and touch to transform us into a new
creation. The blessing tradition of the liturgy
enables us to recognise the paradoxes of material
degradation and human sin within creation,
reminding us that Christ is the centre of all
goodness. Within the realm of created things, we
humans carry a sacramental trace of Christ. Jesus
teaches that to care for one of the least is to care
for him (Mt 25:40).

***"We like the way ([Jesus] uses the things of nature
to teach, and the important part nature plays in the
Sacraments ... We can appreciate also the
community nature of the Church, because we are
very conscious of being part of a group bound by
Religious ties. We are strong on ceremony through
dance and song and painted bodies. Our ceremony
closely involves groups and group participation So
the ceremony of the Mass, the ceremony of the
Sacraments and the ceremony of the liturgy should
find a ready response in us, provided it is made
meaningful based on a theology that is tuned to the
Aboriginal mind." Deacon Boniface Perdjert.***

REFLECT ON NATURE through this musical meditation

“Look at the World” by John Rutter” ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4k8oVf9v78>

NATURE IS A SACRAMENT OF DIVINE PRESENCE. THE WHOLE WORLD is ‘a sacrament of communion!’

Reflection by Daniel O’Leary from *An Astonishing Secret Sacraments Reveal & Celebrate* p 182

“The human body is a sacrament of invisible beauty. Pope Francis wants us to understand this consequence of Incarnation – that everything is a sacrament, beginning with Creation itself.

In light of the fact of evolution and a developing theology, our understanding of the seven sacraments needs new exploring – and imagination. Seen against the expanding horizons of Creation and Incarnation, of nature and grace, of science and theology, we might understand baptism, for instance, as the celebration of the miracle of all birth, the blessing of Creation and life itself, the entering into a world community, all of whom are God’s people.

CALL TO ACTION ... WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD ?

Bee-friendly Backyard – Plant some flowers !

Abelia
Bottlebrush
Daisies
Grevillea
Lavendar...
.... ..

The best flower species to choose for your bee-friendly garden depends on where you live in Australia and what your local climate is like.



Honeybees collect pollen and nectar from flowers and blossoms. Not all flowers are equally liked by bees - bees prefer blue, purple and yellow blossoms. You can attract bees to your backyard and improve their quality of life by planting a variety of plants bees just love to visit.

Perhaps not so well known is the fact that bees (as well as other insects) require a source of fresh water, especially on warm days! Providing a constant water supply will make your backyard more attractive to bees as well. Please take measures to stop the bees from drowning by adding some floating material or some pebbles reaching above the surface.

The Physical Science of Climate Change: Some humanitarian insights from the latest IPCC report ... Pablo Suarez, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Miriam Nielsen, Maarten van Aalst; The Hague, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre. (This summary is forwarded to us by the Carmelite NGO)

Abrupt and irreversible changes cannot be ruled out

The IPCC says: “Low-likelihood outcomes, such as ice sheet collapse, abrupt ocean circulation changes, some compound extreme events and warming substantially larger than the assessed very likely range of future warming cannot be ruled out.”

In other words, it is entirely possible that we’ll reach what the new report calls *tipping points*: critical thresholds beyond which a system reorganises, often abruptly and/or irreversibly. There is a change that ongoing changes are bringing us closer to some kind of cliff.

