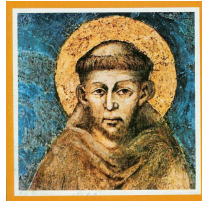




Tuesday 3rd October
We will Plant a Tree

Wednesday 4th October
Feast of St Francis



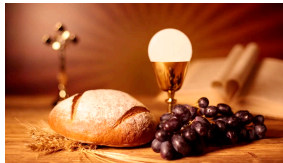
On Wednesday 4th October the Feast of St Francis
Ms Gemma Mulligan

Diocesan pastoral Coordinator and member of Diocesan
Synod group

will give a reflection during our 10.30 am Mass to mark the
opening of the Synodal assembly in Rome
After Mass....Lighting of Candle & Prayer for the Synod
Refreshments in the Parish Centre

Thursday 5th October

Mass for Creation & thanksgiving for Gift of Human Life



Friday 6th October

Blessing and distribution of bulbs (flower bulbs!)



Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th October

Masses of Thanksgiving



You are invited to bring along some token of your thanksgiving to any of our
weekend Masses.

Suggestions...

You could bring something that reflect your gratitude for life and health, for
your faith, for education, you might like to bring fruit or vegetables or produce
from your garden or farm, perhaps a family photo or some other memento to
give thanks for the people in your life. Thanksgiving for work, thanksgiving for
Sport - bring a hurl, a sliotar, a soccer or rugby ball, a jersey, a symbol of the
many other sports, a symbol of your thanksgiving for music or your favourite
hobby. Perhaps there are many more things you can think of of.

Please do participate in giving thanks.

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
(Psalm 92:1-2)*

Sunday 1st October 2023

*** St Patrick's Parish ***

Celebration of Thanksgiving

1st October - 8th October 2023

for..



The Synod on Synodality

The invitation to us in this weekends second reading (Philippians 2:1-11) to "be
united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind" is timely as
the whole Church focuses on the Synod about to begin in Rome on the theme
of 'Synodality'. What is synodality and why should we take note? Simply put
Pope Francis wants the Church to become a 'Synodal Church, a Church where
the Baptised people of God grow in communion with one another, are open to
participation in the Church and are conscious of our mission to proclaim the
Joy of the Gospel. We could say that Synodality is way of being Church,
journeying together and listening together to the Holy Spirit speaking through
the whole People of God.

Season of Creation

As the Season of Creation draws to a
close we dedicate this coming week to
reflecting on the gift of Creation and to
thanksgiving for this wonderful Gift of
God. Below you will see an outline of our
programme of events for the week concluding the following weekend with our
Masses of thanksgiving.



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

Prayer for the Synod for each day..

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

Saturday 30th Sept. / Sunday 1st October

"The divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet." (Laudato Si', 9).



Invitation to action...

Pledge to undertake one simple initiative to give thanks for Creation.

You might like to choose from one of the following options

- Don't waste food,
- Use less plastic,
- Generate less refuse
- Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Human Life and all Creation,
- Become more aware of the suffering of our world

- Take some time to enjoy nature every day
- Walk a little more
- Try to live simply
- Appreciate the people and things we sometimes take for granted

Monday 2nd October

Pray a blessing for animals at home
Pray the Cantic of Creation by St Francis

Blessing of Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless and watch over our farm animals and pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

(You can sprinkle your animals with Holy Water)

The Cantic of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225 AD

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises,
the glory, and the honour, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,

especially Sir Brother Sun,

Who is the day and through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour;

and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,

and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,

and who produces varied fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace

for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

