

# ECO -JUSTICE" Spring Issue 2021

"He Kākano i Ruia Mai" ( A Seed that is Planted)

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Environmental and Social Justice Group (ESJ)

"To everything  
there is a season,  
and a time  
for every purpose  
under heaven."

Ecclesiastes

In this time of Covid  
we **look back**,  
and **look forward** .  
Let us find new ways  
to rejoice in and  
celebrate  
the events this season  
offers us.

## **Spring Reflection:**

*"Spring, grace filled, playful child of Creation,  
you never walk: you always leap, skip or dance!  
Your secrets, once hidden in the earth,  
are now stretching toward the sun.  
Share with us your gifts of joy, rebirth and hope.*

*In this season of Resurrection, may the brokenness of our world  
be healed by your contagious spirit and energy." Joyce Rupp.*

**In the season of Spring we are being called to new life**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION - September 1st**

Faith communities around the world paused  
to hold in prayer our Mother Earth.

**Let us have a faith that  
loves the Earth.**



## **THE SEASON OF CREATION :**

From September 1st ,following the Day of Prayer, till October 4th,  
the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Christian family celebrates the  
great gift of Creation. 2021 theme of is

**"A Home for All? Renewing  
the Oikos of God".**

We understand the *Oikos* of God as a home

where the beloved community, all people, all life, are equally  
members, though each has a different role.

*This Season of Creation is a time when we are challenged  
to a way of life and action, that is prophetic and spiritual,  
shaped by the person of Jesus.*

- ♦ Use the **World Day of Prayer** sheet at any time.
- ♦ Pray the **Weekly Prayer** in your newsletter, alone or with others.
- ♦ Reflect on the **Earth Examine for the Season of Creation**.  
What changes can you make?
- ♦ Have you a garden? The **September/October Care of the Earth Tip** might give you ideas.



*Pope Francis invites us on a three-year **JOURNEY....***

It is called **SYNODALITY**

This is an important invitation.

It is about :

- ♦ ***living as the People of God ,***
- ♦ ***walking and talking on the road together,***
- ♦ ***recognising the Holy Spirit at work in the Church***  
***through the voice of the people,***
- ♦ ***welcoming the newness that God brings.***



**Its Purpose: That we deepen our experience of living in communion with others, renew our participation in the life of the church and are actively 'on mission' in our world.**

This journey is beginning in our world, for our Church,  
in our time.

**It is for all the faithful. Be part of the journey!**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK held September 12-18**

Caritas as usual has provided us with a relevant theme to reflect on, excellent visuals, as well as a great discussion booklet based on Pope Francis "Laudato' Si".

**"A Culture of Encounter: BE THE CHURCH"**

The focus on the BE attitudes highlights Jesus own blueprint for better world.

Explore Google "Caritas Social Justice Week " for resources etc  
These can be used at any time. Meet with another person to share

***Travelling Books "Laudate Si" are on the move. One could be coming to you!***