



SEASON OF CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 3: In looking especially at Christian communities, the Pope writes that we can all contribute to change for good by "resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies." Transforming our hearts is a key starting point and this "ecological conversion" that Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace, the Pope writes, involves "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator." Next, we need to change the way we live, he notes, and "starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our 'ecological sins', as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. "With the help of God's grace," he adds, "Let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable."

The things we can all do are many, the Pope continues, such as using resources with moderation, recycling waste, using available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible. Finally, we, need to look at our public policies, especially "economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others," as they mean they gravely threaten peace and justice. Issuing an appeal to make our voices heard to halt this injustice towards the poor and the future generations who will bear the worst effects of climate change, the Holy Father asked for action in conformity of these perspectives on society and nature. (copy from Vaticannews.va). For more info and ideas, please go to

<https://seasonofcreation.org>

FR BILL WRITES: Can you believe I've been with you for a whole year as of last Sunday? I thank you for the faith that you place in me and the generous encouragement you have shown throughout. I am truly blessed to be with you and I hope that our on-going journey together will be long and fruitful. God bless you!

UPDATE ON CHURCH FAÇADE PROJECT: The rental of the scaffolding has gone up to £250 per week, which means we have to get moving on getting work done. There was a hiatus of five weeks while the diocese gave its opinion. The Parish Finance Committee has agreed to instruct a firm who has already quoted to do the following:

- remove cross and tower tops
- make area weather proof
- tie in middle section of façade to church rafters
- remove scaffolding

The cost for this work should be about £10K plus VAT. We are hoping that work should commence mid-October and last between one and two weeks. In the Spring we can then consider possible installation of new cross and tower tops. Thank you for your patience.

**MASS COUNT THIS
WEEKEND AND FOLLOWING
TWO WEEKENDS**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 24 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	+Tom Merifield Alvin (19th Birthday)
Mon 25	Feria, week 25	No Mass		
Tues 26	Ss Cosmas and Damian	Mass Rosary	10.00am 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Wed 27	St Vincent de Paul	Mass	10.00am	No intention
Thurs 28	St Wenceslaus	Mass	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 29	The Holy Archangels	Mass	10.00am	No intention
Sat 30	St Jerome	No AM Mass		
SUN 1 OCTOBER	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	Gehane Gordelier (Birthday) No intention

23/24 Sept	Reader	EMHC	30 S /1 Oct	Reader	EMHC
Vigil	Ld'E	Cd'E	Vigil	GG	MH
10.00am	CBry	JK	10.00am	MP	MT

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE; Will meet next week after Sunday coffee in the hall. The topic? **CHRISTMAS!!** All welcome.

NEW PARISH OFFICE

ARRANGEMENTS: The office entrance has been moved. Please access via the white doors from the carpark. Disabled access only will remain via the rest room area. In either case, please ring the door bell at the new entrance and wait for Lizzie. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION:

For Catholic Education Service amounted to £262.51. Gift Aid should add £34.82 making a total incl GA of £297.32. Thank you very much!

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE: The Church's engagement with other religions: Saturday 4th November, 10.00am-3.30pm, St Bedes, Basingstoke. RG24 9DX. To register, go to <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>. See poster for details.

KNITTING FOR SEAFARERS: Don't forget to get click-clacking for hats and scarves for seafarers for Christmas.

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Christine Houssiere, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Patricia Clarke, John Hamon, Alice Loftus.

OFFERTORY TABLE: Many thanks to Roy Tanner for making a sturdy table for the bread and wine. It replaces the rather precarious one we were using! Also, more thanks to Roy for repairing the pottery statue of Our Lady now in the side entrance vestibule.

FEAST OF THE HOLY

ARCHANGELS: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael falls this Friday. It give its name to the autumn term in some universities and in the judiciary, namely, Michaelmas.



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