

Catholic Social Teaching

Rather than making us indifferent to the world, Christian faith compels believers to take responsibility for it. The fundamental insight of Catholic Social Teaching is that the Gospel invites us to engage and transform the world we live in. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.



On Climate Change, Pope Francis says that “humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, of production and consumption, in order to combat global warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.”



Inspired by the Gospel, the Diocesan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation committee promotes **Catholic Social Teaching** by raising awareness, encouraging action, providing resources and building networks to create a more just world.

At home, in our parishes and local communities

Pray

Franciscanaction.org Rosary on caring for creation

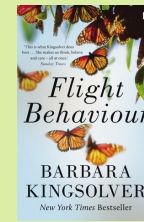
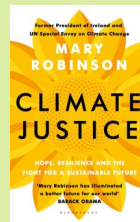
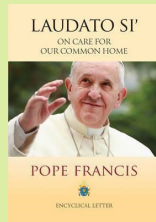
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Ecocongregationireland.com

Reflect

Catholicclimatemovement.global

"How could this be true, if no one was talking about it?" asks novelist Barbara Kingsolver. Get the conversation going at your local bookclub:



Act

Pollinators.ie Sowing for life in our parishes

Greatgreenwall.org Growing the future

Epa.ie Sustainable living in our communities

Transitionkerry.org Working together locally

Ted.com/talks/greta-thunberg Act now

Stopclimatechange.ie Importance of Campaigns

www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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Climate Crisis

11 years to save Our Common Home!

“Time is running out!

Deliberations must go beyond mere exploration of what can be done, and concentrate on what needs to be done.

The climate crisis requires our decisive action, here and now and the Church is fully committed to playing her part.”

Pope Francis

Season of Creation

1st September - 4th October



Save Energy

Our production and use of energy from fossil fuels is the largest source of global greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions and the primary culprit behind climate change.

An energy efficient home reduces bills and emissions, and cares for "Our Common Home"

Heating uses 60% of Home Energy

- Review attic / wall insulation*
- Put thermostats on radiators
- Set room thermostats to 20°max



Hot Water uses 20% of Home Energy

- Take a shower instead of a bath
- Put lagging jacket on older cylinders
- Consider a solar hot water system*

*Grants available www.seai.ie

Conserve Water

Climate scientists hold that one of the primary effects of climate change is the disruption of the water cycle impacting drinking water supplies, sanitation, food and energy production.



Water, a key element of all life, is a finite resource. Let us not take it for granted but grow in our appreciation of it - as God's greatest natural gift to us. Respect this gift by encouraging conservation in our homes. Together we can make a difference.

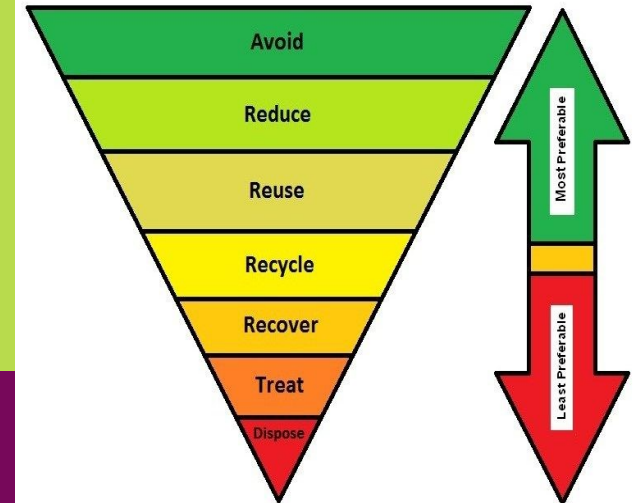
The average Irish person uses 80 - 100 gallons of water each day

- Turn off tap while washing your teeth
- Fill kettle with only the amount needed
- Use dishwasher / washing machine only when full
- Fix dripping taps and leaks promptly
- Harvest rainwater—install a water butt for use in the garden
- Think before you flush -

"Dirty Dozen" things never to flush down the toilet: <http://thinkbeforeyouflush.org>

Avoid Waste

We tend to see waste reduction and climate crisis as two distinct issues, but in truth, they overlap greatly. To mitigate the impact of climate change, avoiding and reducing waste as well as recycling are fundamental steps, be it in relation to food, plastic, energy or water.



Ireland is among the highest producers of waste in Europe

- Bring your own bags when shopping
- Commit to buying local produce
- Use lunchboxes and travel mugs
- Avoid buying disposable plastic bottles
- Share journeys by carpooling

If we all do something, together we can make a difference!