

Other Actions

- Celebrate the Season of Creation at a Sunday Mass (using the Mass for Creation). Create a sacred space in the church
- Join the Diocesan 'Seeds of Hope' Network of parish reps, involved or wishing to get involved in the 'Return to Nature' or '30-30' Project. contact JPIC
- Contact JPIC for list of Biodiversity Resource People
- Create a notice board in your church for information on progress etc.
- Visit another parish garden for ideas and support
- Plant a native tree
- **Attend the Season of Creation diocesan event in Millstreet church grounds, Saturday, 19 September, 1.30pm to 3.30pm**
- Check out the valuable resources.

SCAN QR CODE
FOR RESOURCES



Season of Creation Prayer (2026)

God our Creator, source of all
life,

We thank you for the gift of
living waters that flow through
the veins of our Earth,
Sustaining every living
creature and quenching the
thirst of our common home.

Forgive us for the times we
have polluted our rivers,
oceans, and streams,

And for the ways we have turned away from the
cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Pour Your healing grace into our fractured
ecosystems,

That these living waters may restore barren lands
and renew all of creation.

Guide us to step into the river of Your justice,
Granting us the wisdom and courage to protect
the vulnerable waters of this world.

May your Spirit flow through us as a force of
healing, peace, and reconciliation.

We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
(JPIC) Committee

Our Mission Statement

Inspired by the Gospel,
the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and
the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee
promotes Catholic Social Teaching

Season of Creation 2026

1 September – 4 October

Tráth an Chruthaithe

LIVING WATER

Immersion in Living Water
Ezekiel 47:9, 12



This year's theme "Living Water"
comes from the prophet Ezekiel 47: 9,12
– a biblical vision of hope
and ecological restoration.



Diocese of Kerry



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation,
from

1 September to 4 October,
is set aside each year for the
world's 2.2 billion Christian
Churches to come together in
prayer, reflection and action
to protect our common home.



Call from the Irish Bishops

"In response to the impending loss of nature to our world, the call of Pope Francis' encyclical letter: Laudato Si', bishops ask parishes through their Parish Councils as a first step, to identify and care for 30% of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity so it can be enjoyed in perpetuity by the whole community".
The aim of this 30-30 project is to return 30% of church grounds to biodiversity by 2030.



Biodiversity is the variety of all living things on earth which are essential for the wellbeing of the earth's ecosystems and to the survival of all living things, including humans.

Good News

At least fifteen parishes across the Diocese of Kerry are already taking steps to create "Havens for Nature" in their church grounds.

Would your parish like to take some action?

If you do, we suggest the following steps:

- Contact the parish priest / moderator / parish pastoral council to seek approval and discuss possibilities.
- Create a parish 'Care of Creation' group
- Contact the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee for help and support or email: pastoralcentre@dioceseofkerry.ie phone 064- 6632644 for help & support.



Immersion in the "Living Water;"

This year's theme, "**LIVING WATER**" flowing from God's sanctuary heals land, water, biodiversity, as well as fostering human responsibility towards the whole of creation.

So what can we do in our parishes, schools and homes?

Spend time in nature, sa nadúr, listening, looking, feeling; come to know and appreciate God's Book of Nature.

*"God has written a precious book,
whose letters are the multitude of created things
present in the universe.*

Laudato Si' 85

A community Conversion LS 219

Actions based on this theme:

- Visit a holy well
- Organise a nature walk and reflection beside a local water body
- Provide clean water for creatures in your garden
- Consider making a pond in a suitable space
- Appreciate / care for wet areas in your locality
- Collect rainwater – install a water butt
- Organise a blessing of the boats event
- Join in beach etc clean ups



*"You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow in
between the hills. Ps 104.10*

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION