

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - APRIL

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

FACT

6.2 million tonnes of food is wasted by the food industry every year in the UK but over 3 million tonnes of the food that goes to waste each year is still edible! (That's enough for 7 billion meals.)

Fact source: World Wide Fund for Nature



NEWS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

The IPCC Climate Change 2023 (6th Assessment Synthesis Report) published in March reveals that political promises are not equalling action. We are to be expected to breach the 1.5°C warming threshold in the 2030s, the impacts of which will resonate for thousands of years. Read more here:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>

International Mother Earth Day 22 April 2023 Mother Earth is in danger. Systemic, broad-scale action is needed to tackle the climate crisis. Get involved, act now and speak up to demand action for the planet. Read more here:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day>

"Ecology and the Creation Theology: Exploring a Sacramental Worldview" 29 April 2023 St Mary's College, Oscott. Booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/511548464227>

No faith in fossil fuels: Service and pilgrimage to Parliament. Burning fossil fuels is burning our common home - yet the UK government is still permitting fossil fuel companies to dig for more coal, oil and gas. We need to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers and demand the government stops supporting the fossil fuels that are causing that crisis.

Join CAFOD on Friday 21 April in London, to pray for leaders to take the action we need to tackle the climate emergency and declare we have no faith in fossil fuels.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/no-faith-in-fossil-fuels>

LIVE SIMPLY

Try your hand at gardening! As spring approaches, now is the time to start preparing our gardens, (even small plots or pots); sowing seeds of lettuce, tomatoes, beetroot, spring onion, and other veg. Even with a small plot, we can provide ourselves with a variety of vegetables which will help cut down on imports, transport costs, (including my own if I drive to the shop), and air miles. One of the best places to hear God speak is when we are outside.

LIVE SUSTAINABLY

Be water wise. Pope Francis said that our precious resource of water "represents an essential element of purification and of life" and that "**Jesus, in the course of his mission, promised a water capable of quenching human thirst for ever**". Water conservation is vital for reducing the stress of our growing population on the Earth's natural resources. Save water by taking shorter showers, fixing leaks and storing rainwater for gardening.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

In response to the findings of the IPCC AR6 Climate Change 2023 Report, **use your voice to instigate change.** Try writing to your MP to reverse government decisions to expand our fossil fuel use.

<https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/contact-your-mp>



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