

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - NOVEMBER

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

12 MONTHS OF NEWSLETTERS

For the last 12 months these newsletters have been created to help to inspire and enable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham to act to reduce climate change and steward creation. In this issue we're going to recap all the ideas from this year. For some it might form a checklist going forward, for others it might be a reminder of all the changes you've already made. If you would like to share any of your experience with us please get in touch using the email below.

NEWS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

COP 28

30th November - 12th December

COP28 will take place in UAE and is a prime opportunity to rethink, reboot, and refocus the climate agenda. Pope Francis will be attending for the first time. For more information visit [cop28.com](https://www.cop28.com)

World Sustainable Transport Day

26th November

Transport is vital for promoting connectivity, trade, economic growth and employment. Yet it is also implicated as a significant source of pollution. Learn more here:

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

Laudate Deum

On 4th October, the Vatican released the new Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, to all people of good will on the climate crisis. It is a document intended to follow up on his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, *On Care for Our Common Home*. Have a read here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

LIVE SIMPLY

- Eat more seasonal foods
- Say no to fast fashion
- Low energy Sundays
- Reduce your meat consumption
- Try gardening!
- Think about 'staycations'
- Walk, cycle or use public transport
- Spend time appreciating God's creation
- Try having a minimalist wardrobe
- Reconsider your errands

LIVE SUSTAINABLY

- Reduce your energy consumption
- Avoid single-use plastic
- Reduce your transport carbon footprint
- Purchase plastic-free Easter Eggs
- Be water wise
- Zero-waste bank holidays
- Switch to Eco-Friendly cleaning products
- Eat seasonal fruit and veg
- Reduce your electricity consumption
- Be intentional with your meal planning.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

- Buy ethical presents
- Volunteer to help your local community
- Find ethical alternatives for your shopping
- Follow the Lent Calendar on Laudato Si Platform
- Use your voice to instigate change
- Get involved in your local Climate Café
- Read Laudato Si
- Lobby the Government on Climate Action
- Learn more about indigenous groups and their understanding of the world.
- Support Made51 to support refugees

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED IN CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, PLEASE CONTACT CLIMATEACTION@RCAOB.ORG.UK