

## ***Laudato Si'*** **Care for our common home**



Pope Francis writes 'what *we* all need is an 'ecological conversion' whereby the effects of *our* encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in *our* relationship with the world around *us*.' '.....we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart.'

This month we're focusing on biodiversity. Here are some facts.

- Coral reefs have the most diversity of all ecosystems
- On land equatorial regions are also rich in biodiversity.
- Biodiversity has steadily diminished over the past 35 years.
- 1% of species are lost each year.
- There are over 300 extremely endangered species that have no laws to protect them.
- Global warming is a threat to biodiversity destroying 25% of coral reef
- Most areas suitable for growing palm oil are key habitats for primates
- Preserving species and their habitat ensures an increase in biodiversity.

**How you can help. Find out more > >**

# Think

**'All creatures great and small'.....we are all inextricably connected. Act now to help restore and maintain the beauty of creation in all its diverse forms:**

**Yes I can do this**

- 1) **Buying something? Is someone, some creature or place suffering the consequences of producing this? See what Change. Org have to about Kellogg's and Cadbury chocolate! Say NO to consumerism.**
  
- 2) **Where you live there is nature's habitat that is continually being forgotten if not destroyed. Give life on earth a chance? Thank God for all creation and help it grow. Leave nature where it belongs! But feel part of it.**
  
- 3) **Engage with reputable organisations whose members dedicate their time and efforts to protect our common home? Also talk to your MP.**
  
- 4) **Lead by example! Share your ideas & actions with your family, friends, colleagues and on the parish web- site: St James & St William of York, Reading**

## Find out more ...

<http://theunfoldingearth.com/diversity-and-hope-in-the-new-wild/> Educational, thought provoking and hopeful if you engage.

[http://www.pnas.org/content/105/Supplement\\_1/11571](http://www.pnas.org/content/105/Supplement_1/11571) The threat on biodiversity and the challenges ahead

<https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/> Engage your local MP ; start making a difference worldwide. Marginal gains do make a difference not just in business and sport!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-45146581>  
[science?bucket=email-blast-14\\_8\\_2018](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-45146581)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAi3VTSdTxU>: Watch Michael Jackson's video of 'Earth Song' if you're not yet moved

**Laudato Si' Reflection: What have you done last month to reduce food waste?**