

St Bede's Catholic School

Weekly Theme

Stewardship

8th May - 12th May 2023



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The liturgical colour is **WHITE**

We are in the **Easter Season**

Pope Francis has made great efforts to encourage all people to be mindful of the impact their actions have on the planet and thus on others.

He has urged people not to treat the world like a rubbish dump but to use the earth's resources wisely, not to consume more than we need, to throw away less and recycle more.

These lessons he laid out most clearly in a special letter (a Papal encyclical). In this letter, entitled *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father reminded the world that we all need to do what we can to take care of our common home.

If we do not, the risk of global warming and conflict increases, as people struggle to gain access to water, food and safe places to live in.



Let us listen to a scripture reading from the Book of *Genesis*. Let us think about the lessons that we can find in passages like this. What do you think are the lessons we are to learn from this passage about how we should view the world, ourselves and others?

Then God said: "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Genesis 1:26-27

Pope Francis has spoken to young people directly about how, through their desire to make the world a better place, they have the potential to be great missionaries of God's love.

'With you the world can be different.

Unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different' - Pope Francis.

To know how best to do this, the Holy Father and the Catholic Church encourage us to turn to the Scriptures. In the Scriptures we learn how God desires us to live.