

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# THE BEAUTY OF CREATION



## WORD OF THE WEEK

JOB 12: 7-10

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."



*"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation."*



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



God of the universe,  
We thank You for Your many good gifts-  
For the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits,  
For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted  
and wasted what You have given us.  
Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share,  
to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference,  
and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water.  
Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share  
Your gifts today and always.  
Amen.



This week's theme celebrates the beauty of all that God has created. Autumn is traditionally a time for giving thanks to God for creation. We are stewards of the earth and we have a responsibility to care for the environment.

How can you take seriously your responsibility to care for the earth?  
What in the natural world are you most grateful for?  
What about the natural world do you take for granted?  
Do you take time to appreciate the world around you?



Harvest time is used by many people of all beliefs as an opportunity to give thanks for the food they eat. Many also use it as a time to remember that there are people in need in the world, who don't have the luxury of always knowing that they have food to eat each day.

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development is a charity working for and with people in the developing world.

Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, a day that provides an opportunity for us to share a little of what we have with the poor of the world. What could you go without so that others can gain? Could you donate the money you would spend on sweets and chocolate or fizzy drinks this week? Could you have a smaller lunch and donate the money saved to CAFOD?

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



On Monday we celebrate in school the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Francis is known for his love of nature and animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis and his preaching to animals. It is said that one day he was talking to some birds when they began to sing together. Then they flew into the sky and formed the sign of the cross.

**HAPPY FEAST DAY to all our Francis forms!**

## REFLECTION

1 in 4 children in the developing world are underweight.

Do you appreciate the food you have?

1 person in 7 will go to bed hungry tonight.

Imagine how it would feel if you didn't know where your next meal was coming from?

Hunger is the world's number 1 health risk.

It affects more people than malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS combined

Why does hunger affect so many when we don't need a miracle cure to get rid of it?

925 million people in our world do not have enough to eat.

Do we do enough to stop the injustice in the world?



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## Take a walk



Find time this week to get outside. Go for a walk, and pay special attention to the natural world around you.

What can you see that you haven't noticed before, what can you hear, what can you smell? We often take the world around us for granted and forget to notice the beauty. Make the time this week to notice the beauty of creation and thank God for it.