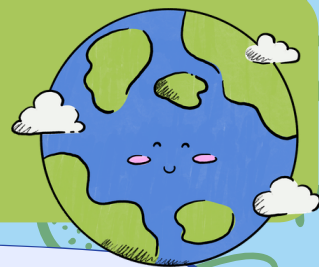




ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: STEWARDS OF CREATION



Word of the Week

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.



Reflection Time

Think of a place where you were wowed. Somewhere in nature you might think only existed on tv or social media. How did it make you feel? Calm? In awe? In this weeks word of the week, we are looking at the creation story. God creates the world and entrusts us to look after it. We are called to be stewards of the earth and it is our mission to protect the earth for future generations so they can enjoy those same places that bring us peace and tranquillity. St Francis of Assisi saw nature as a reflection of God and is a reminder how we should live in harmony with nature, protecting that which does not have a voice for itself.



Prayer for the Week

Dear St Francis,
You loved all of God's creatures, big and tall, near and far. Help me to be more like you, to be kind to animals and to people too. Teach me to be joyful, and to see the beauty in all things. Thank you for showing us how to love and for reminding us to care for our earth.

Amen

St Francis of Assisi, Pray for us



Spread Joy This Week!

St Francis of Assisi shows us we don't need the best clothes and the newest version of everything to be happy. This week, as we think about caring for the world in which we live let us also think about caring for each other. Saturday 10th October is world mental health day, spreading joy to others through your actions or words can make a difference as you never know when people need it most!



Make me a channel of your peace -
sung by Katherine Jenkins

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Joy is the
serious
business of
heaven.

- C. S. Lewis



Saint of the Week: St Anthony of Padua

St Anthony of Padua was a Portuguese Priest that joined the newly formed Franciscan order in the early 1200s. He had a gift for preaching and was known for leaving lasting impressions on his audiences due to his knowledge of scripture and eloquent delivery. One miracle that is attributed to St Anthony is once, when he was dining with heretics, there was an attempt to poison him. However, since he had blessed the food, he was unharmed.

St Anthony is the patron saint of lost and stolen things as well as miracles and disabilities.



"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak."

