

## **The Beauty of creation**

### **Wisdom 13:4-9**

"And if they have been impressed by their power and energy, let them deduce from these how much mightier is he that has formed them, since through the grandeur and beauty of the creatures we may, by analogy, contemplate their Author. Small blame, however, attaches to them, for perhaps they go astray only in their search for God and their eagerness to find him familiar with his works, they investigate them and fall victim to appearances, seeing so much beauty. But even so, they have no excuse if they are capable of acquiring enough knowledge to be able to investigate the world, how have they been so slow to find its Master?"

### **Laudato Si' #12**

"What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

### **CAFOD**

Our Common Home campaign last year focussed on God's gift of creation. Parishes were encouraged to organise a [Creation Celebration Mass](#) or service to thank God for his gift of our beautiful world and explore the different ways we can care for it. This year.....

### **Action**

**How can we care for the nature around us?**

#### **Personal**

Do I take time to thank God in prayer for the beauty of his creation?

#### **Family**

As a family how do we celebrate the beauty of nature? Could we go on family walks, create a wild life area in your garden or grow your own vegetables

#### **Parish**

As a parish could we create a parish wild life garden in the church grounds, organise a parish allotment to help people to grow their own food and share what is produced, or have a seed/plant swap Sunday