

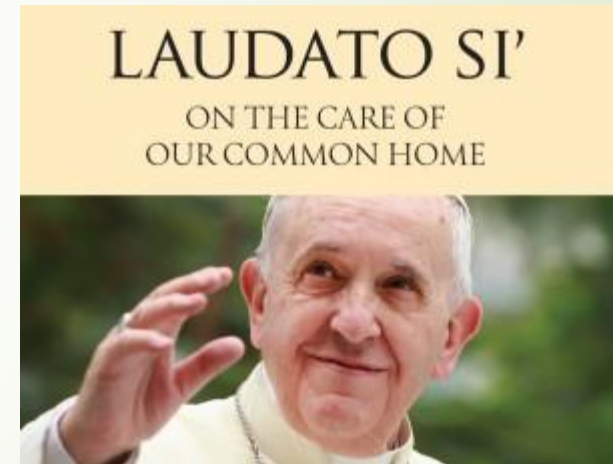
Parish Clean Up (Our Common Home)

Practical Suggestions for Parishes

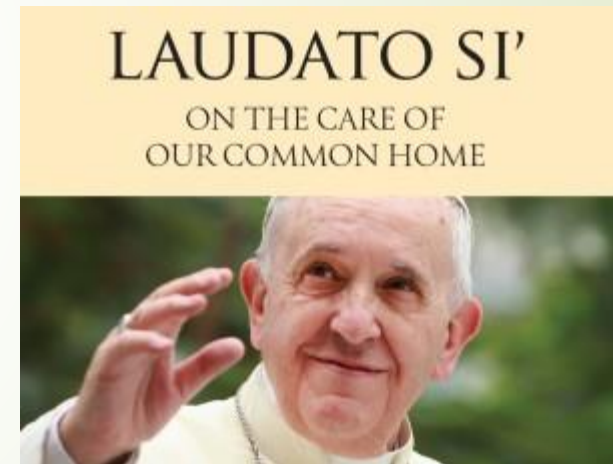


'Our World'

- ▶ 'What Kind of World do we want to leave to those who after us, to children who are now growing up?' LS 160
- ▶ 'Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost up to us.' LS 161
- ▶ '...all is not lost... human beings, while capable of the worst are also capable of rising about themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start.' LS 205



- ▶ 'In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say 'thank you' as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given...to control our aggressivity and greed, and to ask for forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings.' LS213
- ▶ Saint Joseph 'He too can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.' LS 242



Why Clean Up the Parish

- ▶ When the parish community gathers as a family we all can take on active roles
- ▶ Parish's can establish a 'green team' to prioritise ways parishes can clean up!





Parish Clean Up –

1. inside the church...The parish that cleans together stays together!

We would appreciate very much if you could volunteer on Saturday.... (insert date) for an hour or two to help clean up our Church.

- ▶ If you could bring your own Hoover/extension lead, if possible, that would be great.
- ▶ Bring your own duster, wipes etc
- ▶ Invite your wider family – children – parents – grandparents!
- ▶ We will have refreshments afterwards for the thirsty workers! Thank you once again.



2. Parish Clean Up – Church Grounds

- Invite parishioners to help to 'clean up' the Church environment.
- This can involve weeding, cutting grass, keeping paths clean
- Consider adding...
 - Compost Bin
 - Bee/Butterfly garden – boxes and planting - biodiversity
 - A Garden seat – contemplation area



3. Clean up the Parish -

Parish clean-up takes place on (Date) and time

- ▶ We are looking for volunteers to help to tidy up and clean up our parish area.
- ▶ We will provide bags for the litter pick up – or you can use your own bin liner.
- ▶ Bags can only be left for collection in designated areas.
- ▶ Let the parish 'green' coordinator know which road, street, area you can do – this helps with co-ordination.
- ▶ Check the parish website/social media for the areas we hope to cover
- ▶ It is recommended to use gloves
- ▶ Please like and share to spread the word..

- ▶ Decide on a date and time
- ▶ Create a 'WhatsApp' group just for this project
- ▶ Contact and inform your local civic authority/county council/refuse collectors – sometimes they have incentives eg gloves, bags etc
- ▶ Involve families, local schools
- ▶ Ensure all bags/rubbish collected is brought to appropriate 'dump'.
- ▶ Thank people the following Sunday at mass/newsletter



Other ways to clean up your parish act!

- <https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/parishes/100-ways-to-implement-laudato-si.pdf>

