

Our Parish to date:

Through the work of our **Care for the Earth Committee** our Parish has received its Awareness Award (May 2019)



GOING FOR GOLD STANDARD AWARD

There is so much more we can do to move our parish and community forward as we each care for the earth. As a parish and community we will continue to do all in our power to 'restore our common home' and to make all people aware of the need to work together. Help us achieve the Gold Standard Award for the area of Coolock.

JOIN US:

Join our *Care for the Earth Committee* and help us continue the quest to make our parish and community more eco aware.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate in this year's Season of Creation through prayer, sustainability projects or advocacy.

PRAYER: Pray daily that each of us will do all we can to make our world the place God intended it to be.

SUSTAINABILITY: Lead a clean-up project that helps all of creation thrive.

ADVOCACY: Raise your voice for climate justice by participating or leading an ongoing campaign, such as the movement to divest fossil fuels.

LOBBYING: Reach out to local politicians and lobby them to be active on our behalf to make sure that our voice is being heard at Government level. Ask them what are they doing?

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SEASON OF CREATION
SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4



RESTORING OUR COMMON HOME

St. Joseph the Artisan Church
Bonnybrook Parish



We received the Endeavour Award in (March 2020)

Both awards came from the Eco Congregation Ireland.

Bonnybrook Parish is officially recognised by Eco Congregation Ireland as an **Eco Aware Parish.**



For more information go to:
<https://www.bonnybrookparish.ie/ecoaware>

CREATION TIME

The Logo for the Season of Creation is Abraham's Tent. A symbol of Hospitality and a Home for All.



Pray this Prayer each day during the Season.

Creator God,
who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians
and gifted us with everything we need,
forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life
affects our neighbours.
Inspire us
to care for the environment;
to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties,
joys and hopes of all your people,
so that all your creation may flourish.
Amen.

For more information about the

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go to:
seasonofcreation.org

5 R'S TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Refuse

What should we refuse?

- Single-use plastics (bags, bottles, cups and utensils) disposable items.
- Junk Mail, brochures and advertising leaflets. Think of the number of trees it takes to produce these.

Reduce

- Water consumption
- Use of car
- Use of bleach, pesticides and herbicides
- Purchase repairable items over disposable ones
- Only buy what you need, resist two for one offers or impulse buying
- Donate unwanted items to charity

Reuse/Repurpose

- Practice borrowing and sharing items
- Repair instead of replacing
- Rethink the items you already have
- Think of upcycling an item

Recycle

- Glass, paper, hard plastics, cellophane, aluminium and aluminium cans

Rot

- Throw food waste in the compostable bin or make your own compost for nutrient rich garden compost

ACTIONS I CAN DO

- How green is your gas and electricity supply? Perhaps you need to consider switching to a greener energy supplier such as: SSE Airtricity
- Plant a tree or shrub or a pot of flowers suitable for pollinators
- Plant bulbs for Spring, e.g. snowdrops, crocus, muscari, hyacinths, allium. Tulips and daffodils are not suitable for pollinators.
- Find out what the local school is doing for Care for the Earth and see if you can help in any way.
- Help with a Prayer Service during Creation Time or donate seeds or bulbs suitable for pollinators.
- Find a corner for a Bug Hotel. Just gather pieces of wood and sticks of various sizes and pile them into a dry corner.
- **Sign the Petition for the COP 26 Meeting**
In preparation for the upcoming UN Conferences this autumn (COP15 on biodiversity in October and COP26 on climate change in November), Catholics worldwide are invited to sign the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition and to encourage others to do the same.

To sign the Petition go to:

<https://thecatholicpetition.org/>



"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." Pope Francis.