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A season of wonder: five sources of inspiration this spring

This article on Season of Creation is extracted from the Melbourne Catholic Magazine (led. September 2026). We will have a short version of the article.

You may read the full version using this link

[*A season of wonder: five sources of inspiration... / Melbourne Catholic*](#)

The Season of Creation began on 1 September, the designated Catholic World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The 4 October feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, marks the season's end. It is a time for Christians across the globe to unite in prayer, reflection and action for the care of our common home.

In the southern hemisphere, the season coincides with spring. Already we see around us the golden wattles blooming as yellow daffodils emerge from the winter soil and birds carol in the ever-earlier dawn light. For all the sadness we might feel about the environmental crises we are facing, the Earth is our gift from God, and something to celebrate. 'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents,' wrote Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*.

This Season of Creation, here are five sources of inspiration—books and poetry, photography, film and podcasts—to help you reflect on creation and your place within it.

Book

Nature can awaken wonder, offer solace and renew our sense of perspective. Yet as we deepen our connection with the natural world, we are also confronted by the growing challenges facing our planet, from climate change to the loss of biodiversity. In the anthology, *On This Ground: Best Australian Nature Writing*, Australian writers explore our complex and evolving relationship with the natural world. Edited by Dave Witty, author of the acclaimed *What the Trees See*, and published in 2024, *On This Ground* is a contemporary examination of what history and Indigenous knowledge can

tell us about the environment.

A [*Eureka Street* review](#) notes that 'Witty and the contributors pay close attention to the natural world ... their attentiveness sows the seeds of hope in celebrating such a beautiful world and committing ourselves to its preservation.'

Poem

Poetry invokes the beauty of nature in ways other literature cannot. Here, the Catholic poet and priest Gerard Manley Hopkins writes in what became his posthumous trademark innovative, God-centred style about spring. The poem is set in England's famed lush greenery, but in Hopkins' Victorian era, industrialisation was already changing what spring looked like for some.

Spring

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –

When weeds, in wheels,

shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning

In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,

Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Photo

Nature photography captures true beauty like nothing else. But it also has a vital role to play in protecting the planet.

Documentary and **Podcast** are the other sources for Season of Creation

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am–10.30am



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Readings for **NEXT WEEK**
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reading **Isaiah 25:6-10**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain"

The Word of God

learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia alleluia

May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,

that we might know the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear
no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies
you anoint my head with oil
my cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long

Second Reading **Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**

Brothers and sisters:
I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to
have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Good News of the Lord

Reflection

What daily distractions or "excuses" (like the farm or business in the parable) might be keeping you from fully accepting God's invitation to His feast of love and joy today?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2027

Please remember that our Piety Stall has 2027 Columban Calendar at \$12 per copy. By buying this calendar, you support the good work of the Columban Society in serving remote areas around the world



PLAYGROUP is calling for help

Many of us may not be aware that we have a small play-group which runs on Thursdays between 10am to 11.30am in the Annexe for children aged between 0 to 5 yrs old. The group is run by mothers & grandmothers who generally also bring their child/grandchild with them. The children who attend this group will be accompanied by a parent/ guardian. We are looking for volunteers to assist co-ordinate and run the sessions on a roster. You will not be required to run the session every week. However, you will be required to comply to the Archdiocese's safeguarding policy, we will help you to obtain all the necessary documents.

If you think this is something that you are interested in taking part, please contact the parish office on 9700 3781 (Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm) and we will provide you with more information regarding this group.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

How connection and belonging shapes children and young people's vulnerability online eSafety presentations highlight online safety trends and issues for children and young people. This eSafety session aims to empower you with strategies to respond to emerging online risks and harms and support children and young people and their families to stay safer online.

Connection, identity, and belonging are powerful drivers for young people online, but they can also increase vulnerability. This webinar explores:

- the role of offline experiences in shaping vulnerability online
- why some young people are more at risk online

- strategies to support safer online engagement

about the presenter—eSafety Commissioner Team

Presented by a team member of the eSafety Commissioner, Australia's independent regulator for online safety. They educate Australians about online safety risks and help to remove harmful content such as cyberbullying of children, adult cyber abuse and intimate images or videos shared without consent.

TRIVIA NIGHT

One of our parish group will be running a TRIVIA NIGHT on FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 2026 at 7pm for 7.30pm start. This event will be at the South School Hall.

It will be run by our men's group, one of our long standing parish group. They meet once a month in the annexe.

There will be Raffles and Silent Auctions.

Tickets are \$20per-person (BYO nibbles and drinks).

You can come on your own or organise a table with your family/friends. It is a fun night while you can also test your knowledge. **This event is open to all (men, women, young and old)**

For any inquiries and bookings, please contact Peter on 0418 345 576 or Rob on 0411 237 790



2026 Knox Public Lecture

Catholic Theological College together with University of Divinity is running a Public Lecture on "SYNODALITY: GLOBAL AND LOCAL"

This event will be held on **THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER**

at 7:00 pm

Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD (Archbishop of Adelaide)

If you are interested to join this lecture please book using the QR code or go to 2026 Knox Lecture

Enquiries: by phone +613 9412 3333

or email to ctc.edu.au

RSVP by THURSDAY 15 October, 2026



Readings:

27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

www.universalis.com

28 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-4

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Marie-Louise Harris, Christopher De Zilva, Ranjane Jeganathan, Cecil Harper, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Pendry Jackson, Irma Dias, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Cecile Potier, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Geraldine Bernadette Meade, Edgar Tellis, Tonia Messina, Rekha (Rose) Arora, Danny Sugunasekera, Kerry Carney, Denis Carlow, Mable Cano, Joseph Cano, John Kukla, Beatrice Kramer, Horace Stolke for the intention of the giver **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



If you wish to join our Thanksgiving program, you can fill out this Stewardship Pledge card and return to the Parish

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD		Present Envelope number (if known) _____	RETURN TO St Paul Apostle Parish Office 5 William Howell Drive ENDEAVOUR HILLS VIC 3802
Name: _____		Email: _____	
Address: _____		Postcode: _____	
Phone: _____		Mobile: _____	
My age group is: ☐ under 30 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+			

Envelopes My Stewardship Pledge will be: \$ _____ every: ☐ week ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ half year ☐ year	Or....Credit Card Please debit my Credit Card with the sum of: \$ _____ Every: ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ half-year ☐ year Name on Card: _____ Please only tick one ☐ ☐ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AUTHORITY MAY BE CANCELLED IN WRITING AT MY OPTION Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Or... Direct Debit from a nominated bank account (Forms available from the Parish Office) My Stewardship Pledge will be: \$ _____ every: ☐ fortnight ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ half year ☐ year	

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Glenys Tran Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathews Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira Folole Faleafa Rinku Arora	Dominique Maclou Sai Dilingir Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Dalreen Fernandes Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Binitha Mathews Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe Kyle Hoad Emma Hoad	Naomi Falo Dominique Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Mignonne Meerwald Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Kyle or Emma Hoad	Binitha Mathews Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Marg Keating Peng Chee Jenny Catania

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

