



“May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care.”

*Pope Francis*

### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Wisdom 9: 13-18

Psalms 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33

Many human activities have contributed to the destruction of Creation. These destructive acts such as excessive extraction and consumption, deforestation, pollution, wasting, and producing greenhouse gases which are heating the planet to dangerous levels – these are akin to acts of violence and war against all of Creation. “The earth was filled with violence” (Gen 6:11).

Isaiah 32:14-18, however, envisions a peaceful Creation where God’s people live when justice is achieved. Righteousness leads to peace and restores the land. Only through reconciliation with and genuine justice for all living beings will Creation find peace.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei has also approved the REGENERATE CAMPAIGN (PROTEC 2.0) to be celebrated by all dioceses from 2025-2030. Each year there is a theme and for Year 1 (1 Sept 2025 – 31 Aug 2026), the theme is: Regenerate Hope for Flora and Fauna.

Today’s Responsorial Psalm reminds us that we are like grass. The Gospel tells us to renounce our possessions in order to be Christ’s disciples. Both underlie the premise of not being attached to the material comforts of this world.

**While there are people who lack even the most basic necessities, those who can afford it are addicted to a lifestyle that feeds an endless cycle of consumption and waste** perpetuating an inequitable system of distribution of resources. We are not prepared to make even small sacrifices and suffer small inconveniences like giving up meat twice a week, refusing single-use plastics, saving water, or making compost from food waste.

This Season of Creation, let us reconcile with Creation and with the Creator of all Creation. Let us commit to living out the hope that we, human beings, can indeed be the loving stewards and shepherds we were always called to be. ✚

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7 Sept 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE:  
ECOLOGY (STEWARDSHIP)  
CALLED TO AVOID WASTAGE, ACT NOW!

## Peace with Creation

1<sup>st</sup> September was declared by Pope Francis as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It also marks the beginning of the Season of Creation which runs yearly from 1 September to 4 October (Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of those who promote ecology). The theme for this year’s Season of Creation is “Peace with Creation” (seasonofcreation.org).

