

PARISH SOCIAL ACTION

"Inspire others with progress from your parish, take away new ideas to impact social change"

#BeTheChange

Saturday 6th July 2019, 10am-3pm
Holy Cross College, Bury, BL9 9BB



Andy Burnham



Sir Peter Fahy



**Refugee
Experience**



John Battle

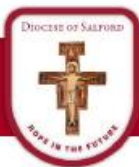


Freedom Bus



**Marketplace
Exhibits**

Workshops on Poverty & Homelessness, Refugees,
Children & Families, Environment, Catholic Social Teaching,
Volunteering and Involving young people & the community



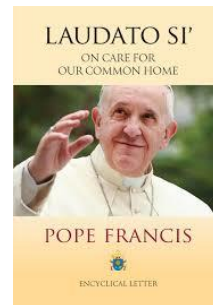
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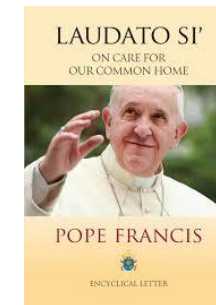
Steve Burrowes

Before joining CAFOD in Salford, Steve was an SEN teacher – working in mainstream and special needs schools. Two of his extra-curricula projects went on to win 'Observer Ethical Awards' and in his spare time he likes to go on cycling adventures, including rides across Kenya and Tanzania!

Steve will be focussing on the shaping of the 'Laudato Si Centre' at Wardley Hall as well as supporting schools and parishes in making an 'ecological conversion'.



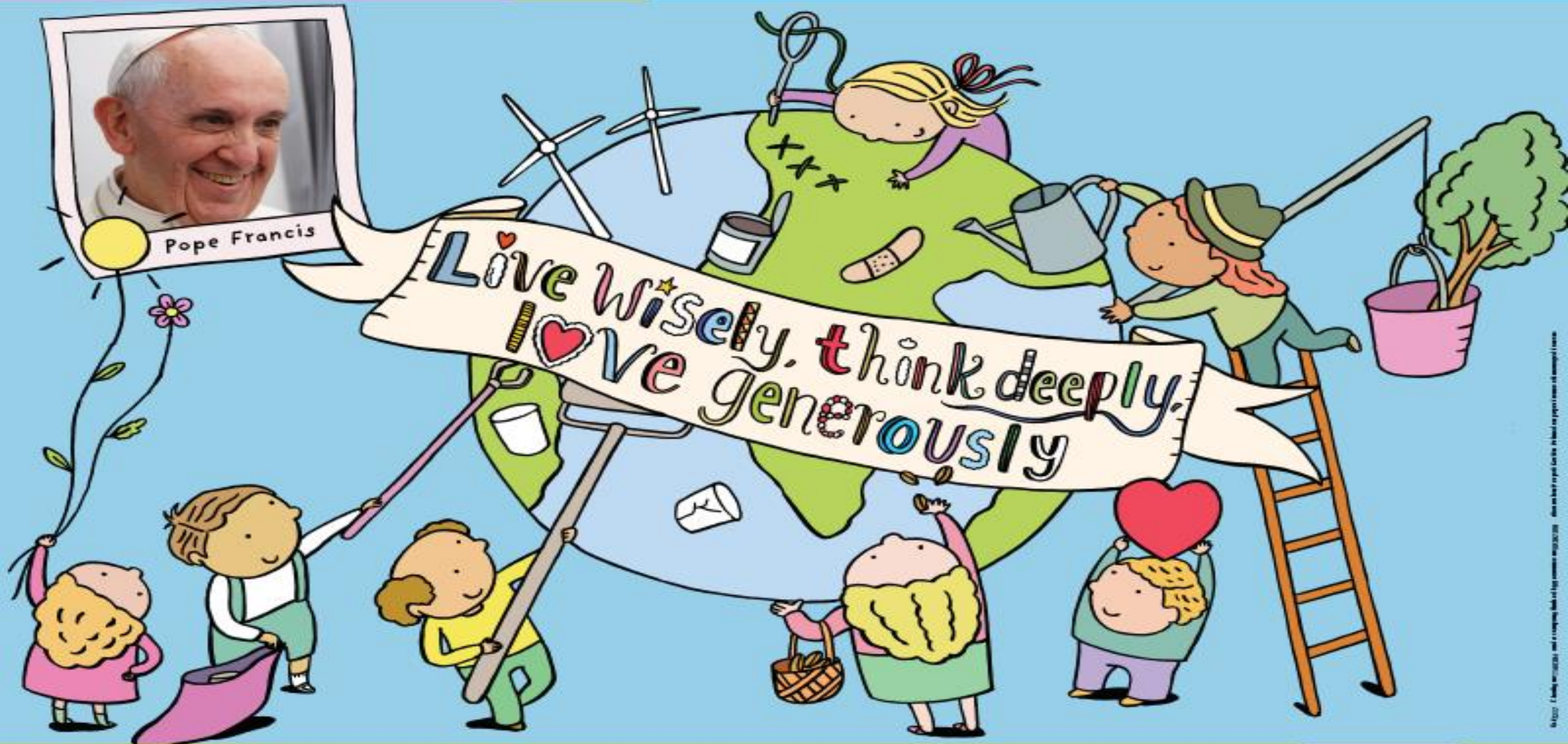
Centre @ Wardley Hall



Caring for Our Common Home

Laudato Si'

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



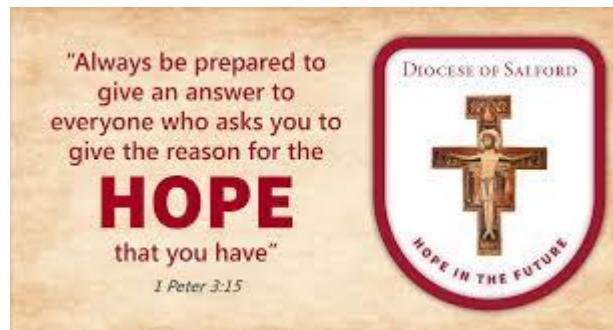
HOW CAN WE CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD?

CAFOD
Just one world

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**A sense of
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‘Laudato Si’

Integral Ecology

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Listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

Can you help us to shape and create this wonderful opportunity ?



Cardinal Peter Turkson

Prefect of Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

(Previously known as the ' Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace')

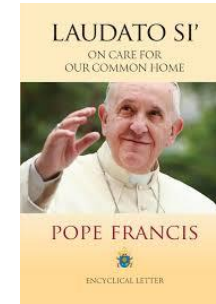
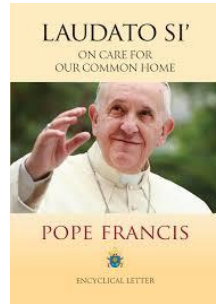
**“Work for the common good involves taking steps to resolve the
“ecological debt” between the global north and south.”**

... the first step is to humbly acknowledge the harm we are doing to the Earth through pollution, the scandalous destruction of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity, and the spectre of climate change.”

... and to realise that when we hurt the Earth, we also hurt the poor...

“ Stop agonising ! Start organising ! “

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Integral Ecology

“Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home ...Men and women are still capable of intervening positively ...Human beings are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start.”

“Human life is like an orchestra that sounds good if the different instruments are in accord and follow a score shared by all.”

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How did the idea come about



CAFOD Trustee

Bishops Conference
spokesperson on the environment



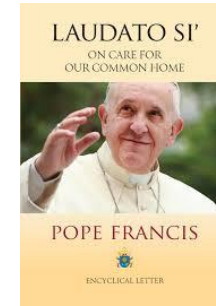
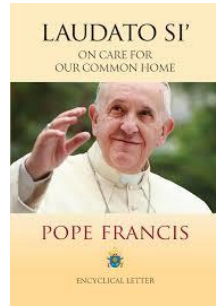
Northern Dioceses
Environment Group

Link between poverty
and the environment

Diocesan Social
Action Network

Meeting on
the 8th June

Analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of human, family, work-related and urban contexts and how individuals relate to themselves



Centre @ Wardley Hall

‘Laudato Si’

Two central pillars

Integral Human
Development

Integral Ecology

Integral Human Development

Rooted in 'Populurum Progressio' the meaning of "full development"

"...the development of each man and the whole man..development that harms neither God nor man."

Integral Human DevelopmentThe road of good that the human family is called to travel

Key verb = "to integrate"

Integrating ... integration integral

Different peoples
of the earth

Duty of
solidarity

Fair ways of
sharing

A future of
peace and
hope

Social integration

All to
contribute to
creating a
human society
open to all

A right and
a duty

Integration in
development

economy

finance

labour

culture

family life

religion

Individual and
community

Not in
competition

Individuals
mature in and
through
authentic
relationships

Integrating the
body and soul

Development
not reduced to
economic
growth

Respecting the
presence of
God

Integral Ecology

A new paradigm of justice

Our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship with it

Ecology

The relationship of living organisms and the environment

Environment

The relationship between nature and society

Ecology and the environment are inter-related and inter-connected

We are facing an environmental crisis and social crisis

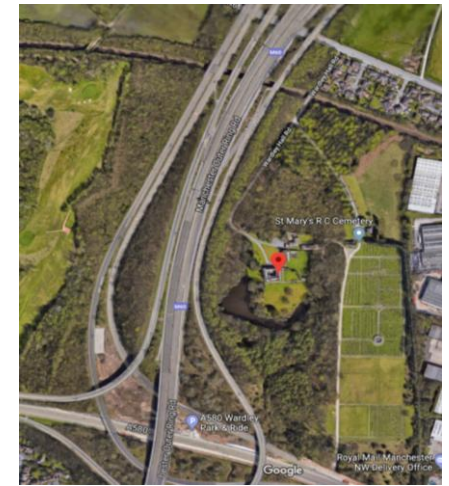
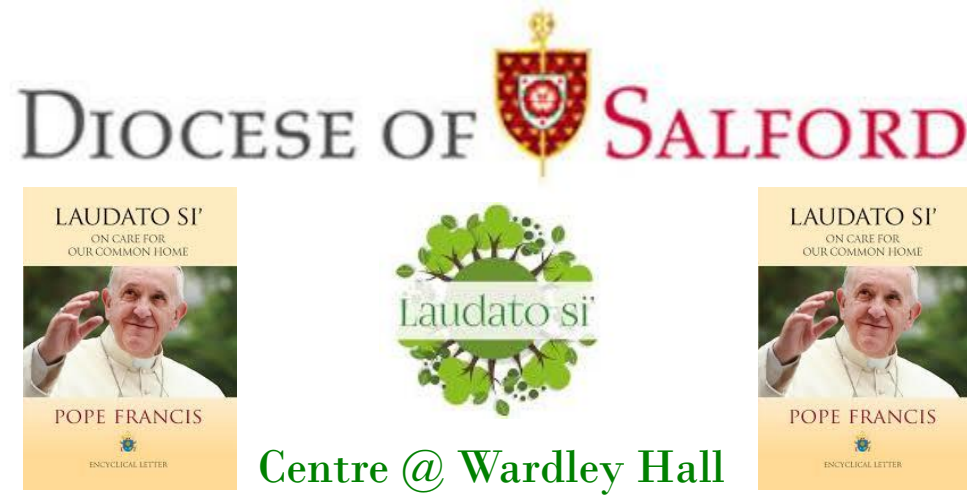
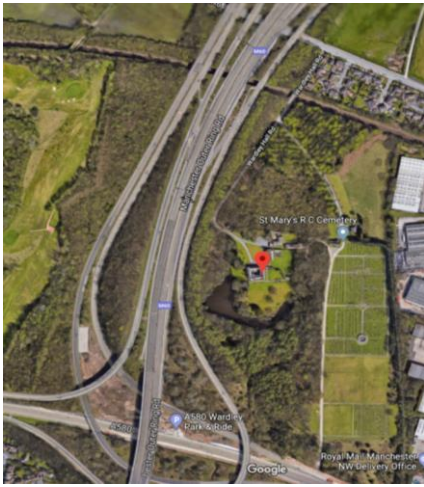
The complex problems we are faced with call for an integrated approach

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Commitment to the common good .. making choices in solidarity based on “a preferential option for the poor”

Intergenerational solidarity ... leaving a sustainable world for future generations





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DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford

*To be read in all parishes on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd March 2019
the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Season of Lent begins in just a few days and calls us to reflect on our Faith and to make resolutions about how we might put our Faith into action in more practical ways. Often this invites us to private reflection about personal routines of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. I would ask that this year we look beyond personal lives, to our role within our wider communities and to the voice of the Church in our world.

In preparation for Lent this year I am writing to you about a very urgent matter about which I think most of us are at least aware but we have not yet recognised the need to make a practical response. I speak about Climate Change and our care for the environment of our planet. We have been fortunate, thus far, in experiencing only relatively minor evidence of Climate Change in the United Kingdom. But even here we have experienced freak weather conditions which are clear evidence of changes to our climate. We have had unprecedented floods which have destroyed homes and livelihoods, seasonal changes and the so-called Beast from the East. Elsewhere in our world severe and long term droughts, floods, rising sea-levels and extreme record-breaking temperatures are clear evidence of the damage that our actions and our way of life are inflicting on our world. These have affected millions of people, most often in the poorest countries of the world and people who have done least to damage our environment.

This is not a problem that we can just leave to governments to remedy. They must certainly play their part and we must pray that the recent Conferences in Paris and Poland have done something to unite nations in a common endeavour. But Pope Francis tells us that we are all required, every one of us, to make changes to our lives and begin to repair the damage before matters become irreversible. I am sure that a growing number of people are aware of these problems but all too many of us are not engaging in those practical actions which are required in order to make the essential difference.

You might well ask why the Bishop is speaking to us about Climate Change when we are gathered for Mass on Sunday. I am writing because Pope Francis is leading the way in calling us to be aware of what we have done to our world and the certainty that, without immediate and sustained action, we will inflict irreparable damage on our planet which will adversely affect the lives of our children and our children's children. This is most certainly a matter which is rooted in our Faith. Creation is God's gift to us and we are called to be stewards of creation. But for all too long we have exploited our world



**“I challenge this Diocese to
take the lead in Pope Francis’
call to healing our planet.....**

**.. let’s make this
Diocese a flagship for
ways to heal and care
for our common
home.”**

THE CHALLENGE

We are facing a global problem but global solutions are made up of seemingly tiny actions. The apparently insignificant actions of millions of people can make the difference. Set yourself some targets from each of the categories. The higher up the list, the more effective your actions will be.

1.REDUCE

Meat:

- Eat less meat but make it a real celebration when you do.
- Eat a few more vegetarian meals every week.

Shipping of food:

- Buy locally grown vegetables or grow your own, even if it is just in a window box.
- Check where your food comes from.
- Try eating seasonally.
- Do not waste food, learn to cook with leftovers.

Travel:

- Don't fly. Take the train or bus on holiday instead.
- Use video conferencing for meetings.
- Use public transport, a bike or walk.
- Share a journey.

Energy use:

- Switch to a green energy provider.
- Draft proof your house.
- Spend less time on the internet.
- Do not leave electrical goods on standby when not in use.
- Turn the central heating down a few degrees and maybe wear a pullover at home.

Stuff:

- Buy less stuff. The extraction of raw materials needed to make our stuff is often extremely harmful to workers and their environment.
- Buy less clothes.
- Buy fewer gadgets.
- If you need to buy something vote with your wallet. Our purchases have ethical implications, whether we realise it or not.
- When buying something consider how it was made. Will it last? What happens to it at the end of its life?

Water:

- Do not leave the water running while you clean your teeth.
- Do not leave the shower running while you wash.

2.REUSE

Fixing:

- Could I fix any electronic devices, clothes, cars or household appliances rather than buying new?
- Could I help others with my fixing skills?

Sharing:

- Could I share my belongings, tools, books, clothes with others in my community?
- Instead of throwing things away see if anyone has use for them.
- Consider using a sharing app.

3.RECYCLE

Prevention:

- Could you prevent waste in the first place by avoiding buying overly packaged or single use goods.
- Be prepared and carry a reusable cup and pack a home made lunch.

Compost:

- Could you make compost with waste food and paper to grow more food?

Recycling:

- Make sure you know what can and cannot be recycled.
- Could your council improve their service? Let them know.
- Make sure your recycling is clean.

REWILD

Whilst not one of the main three rules, rewilding is an incredibly effective and essential instrument in healing our world. If you have a garden you have a share of God's good earth. So leave a corner (the larger the better) undisturbed for insects, birds, amphibians and small mammals and pray to God they thrive. Also make sure there are gaps in garden walls to act as wildlife corridors from one garden to another. Put a bell on the cat.

CHANGING THE WORLD

Are any of these actions transferable to your parish community or work? You are invited to form parish groups to encourage practical steps and to consider what the parish might do, like install bike racks to encourage cycling to church, look to install insulation, have meat-free parish meals, ban single use cups for coffee after mass, make sure your parish

recycles etc...

Most importantly, have fun and joy in forging a brighter future. Take time to sit still and admire creation in its infinite complexity and minute details. Learn more! Take opportunities to deepen your understanding of the ecological crisis and what you can do about it. Do not forget to pray.

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WHAT NEXT?

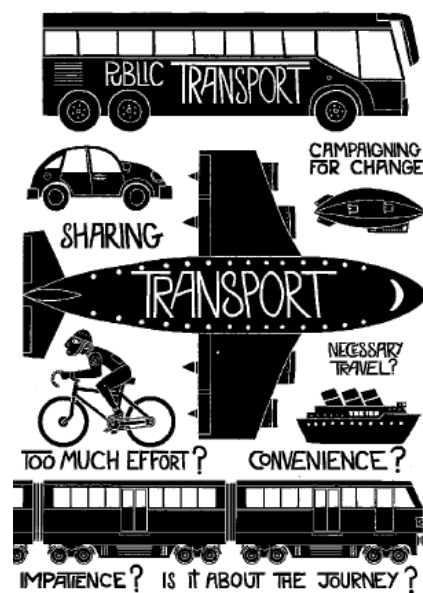
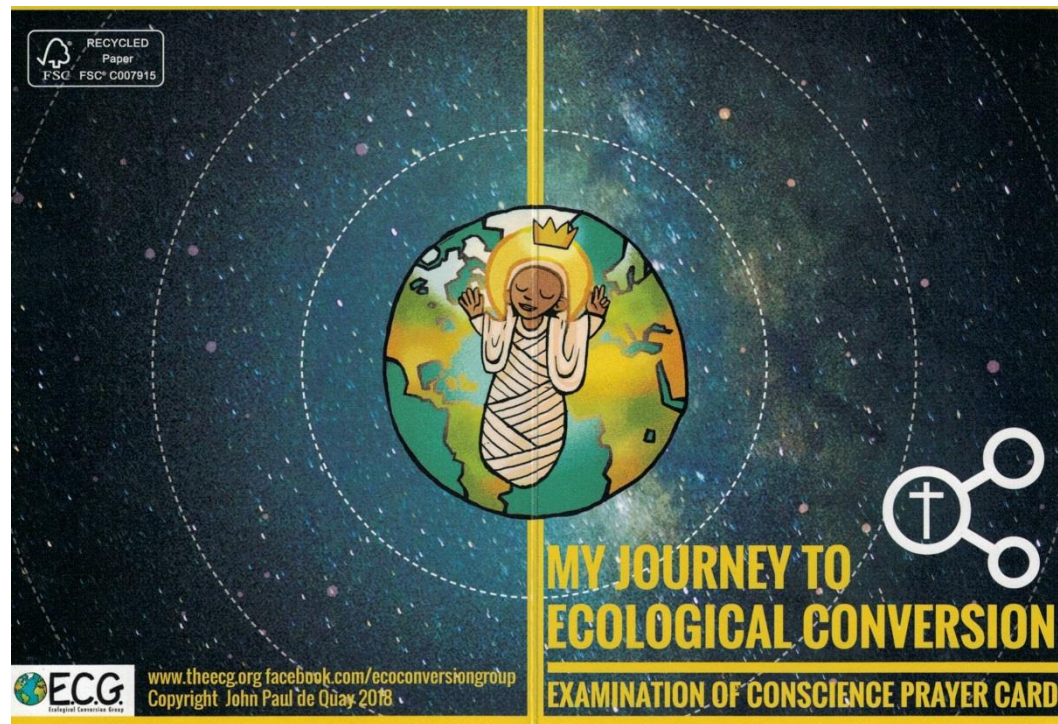
Why not host a Global Healing screening with your parish and then tackle Cafod's Live Simply award.

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2. WWF Living planet report 2018
3. www.thegarden.com/commentaries/2015/mar/25/heating-
oil-the-dirt-late-mistake-humanity

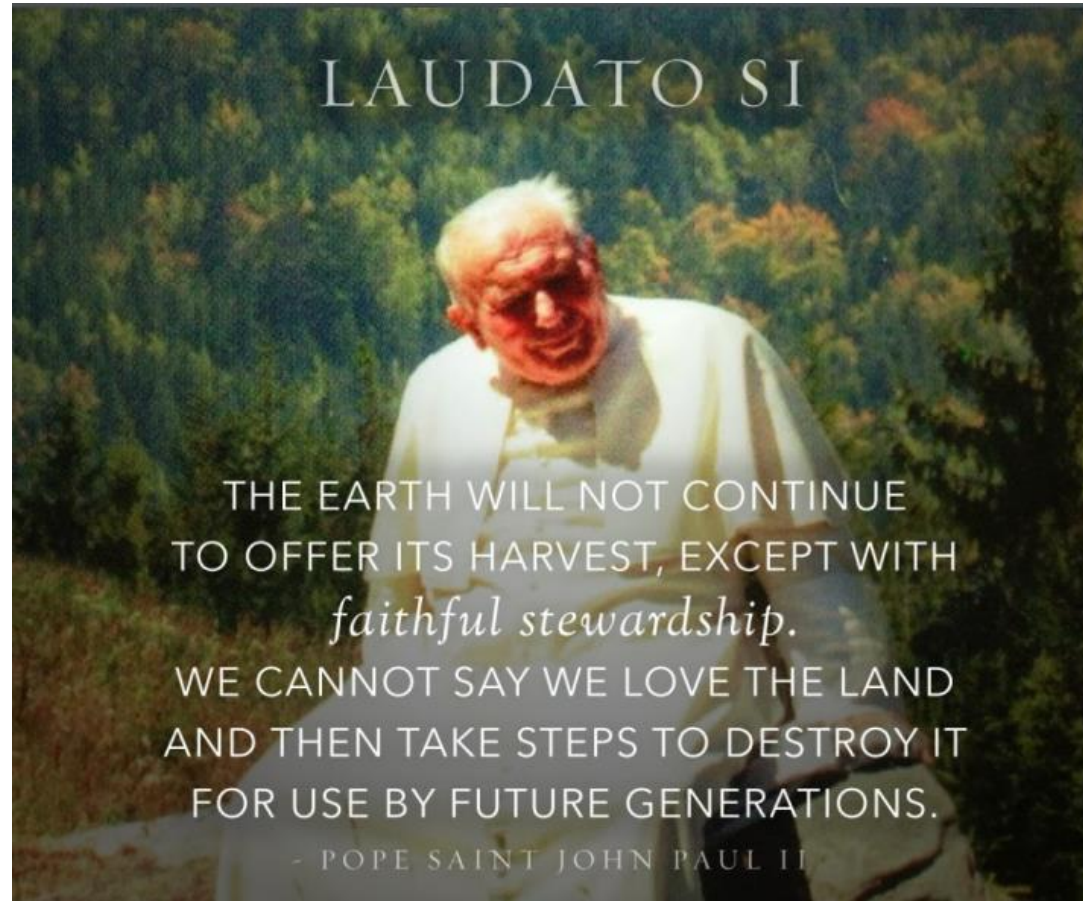
4. Modern Slavery, Environmental Destruction and Climate
Change: Fisheries, Field, Forests and Factories. A research re-
port from the University of Nottingham's Rights Lab, Royal Hol-
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5. 2018, Giulia Boni and François Delvaux, The Climate Ugen-
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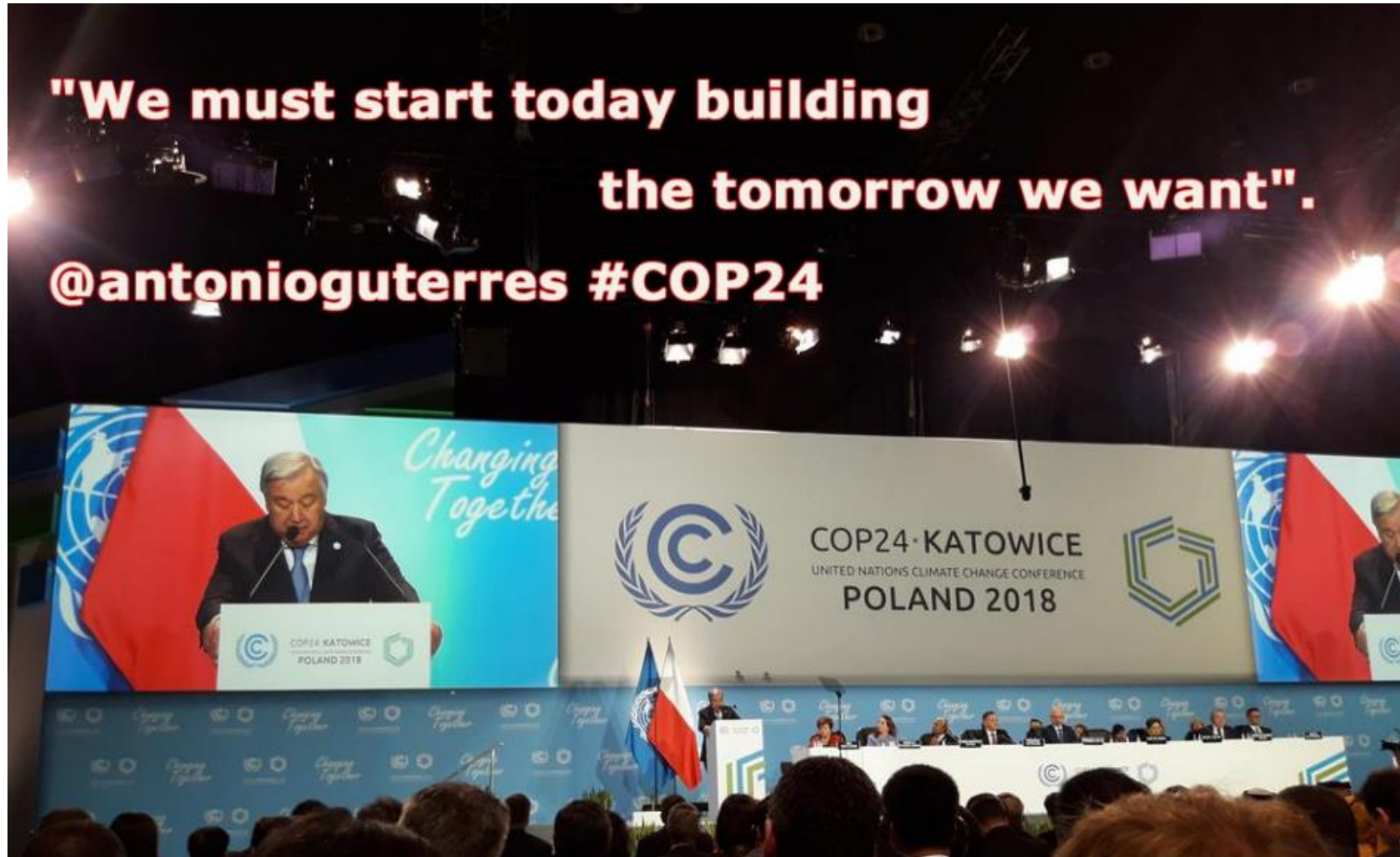
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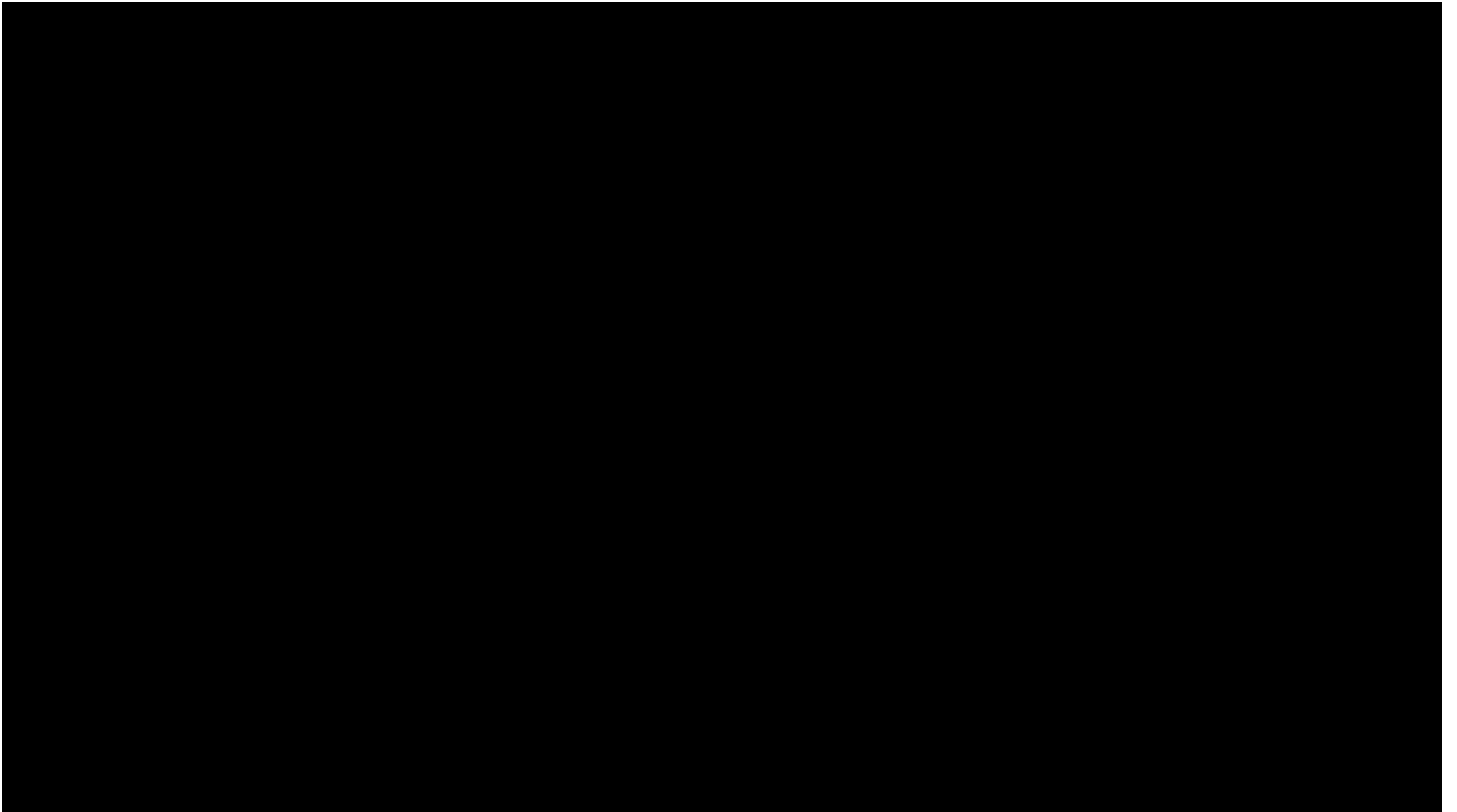


‘Care for our common home’ has deep roots ...
.... they have grown deeper and stronger over time



Now is the time for urgent action ...







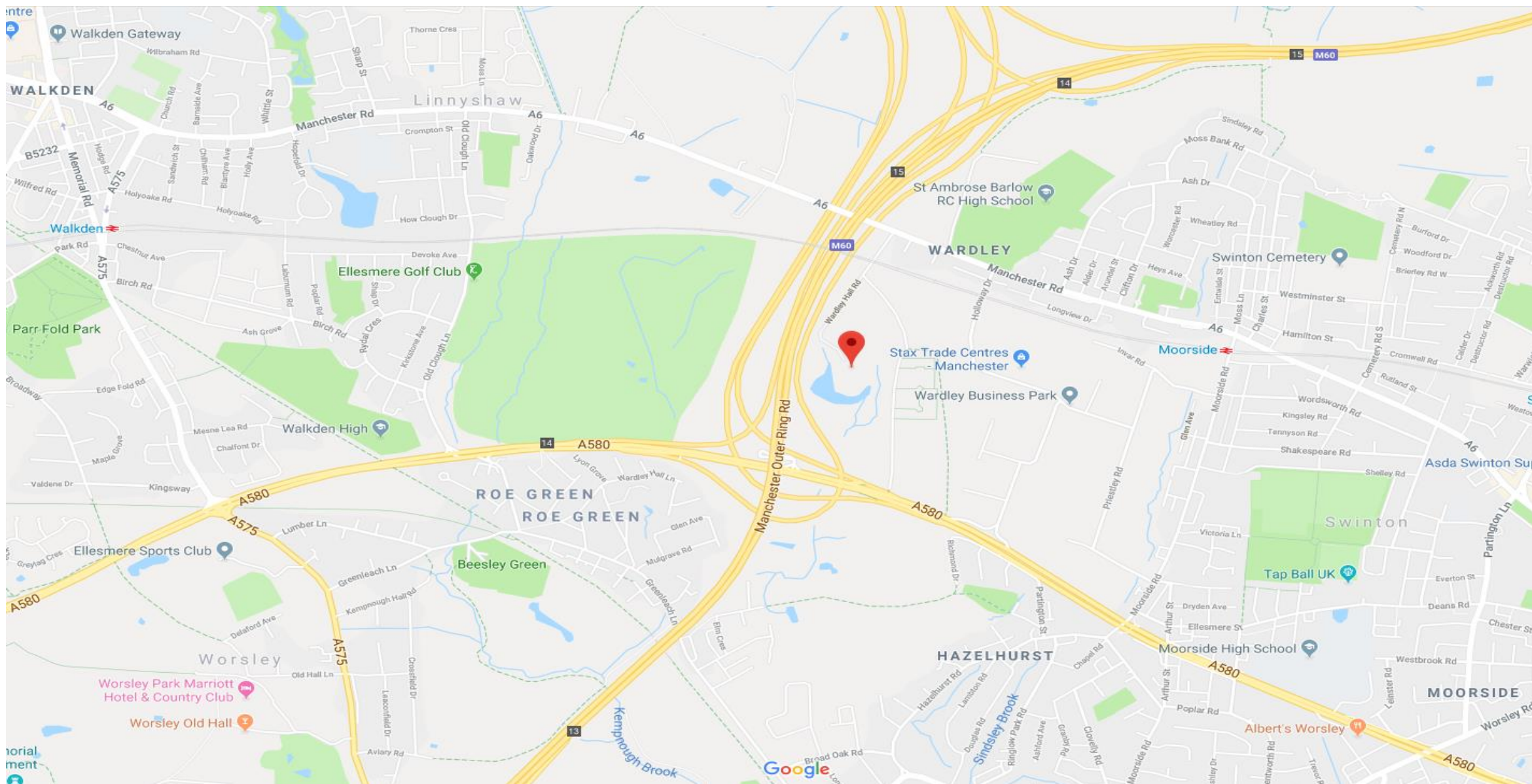
Youth Outreach project.
A model of good practice.



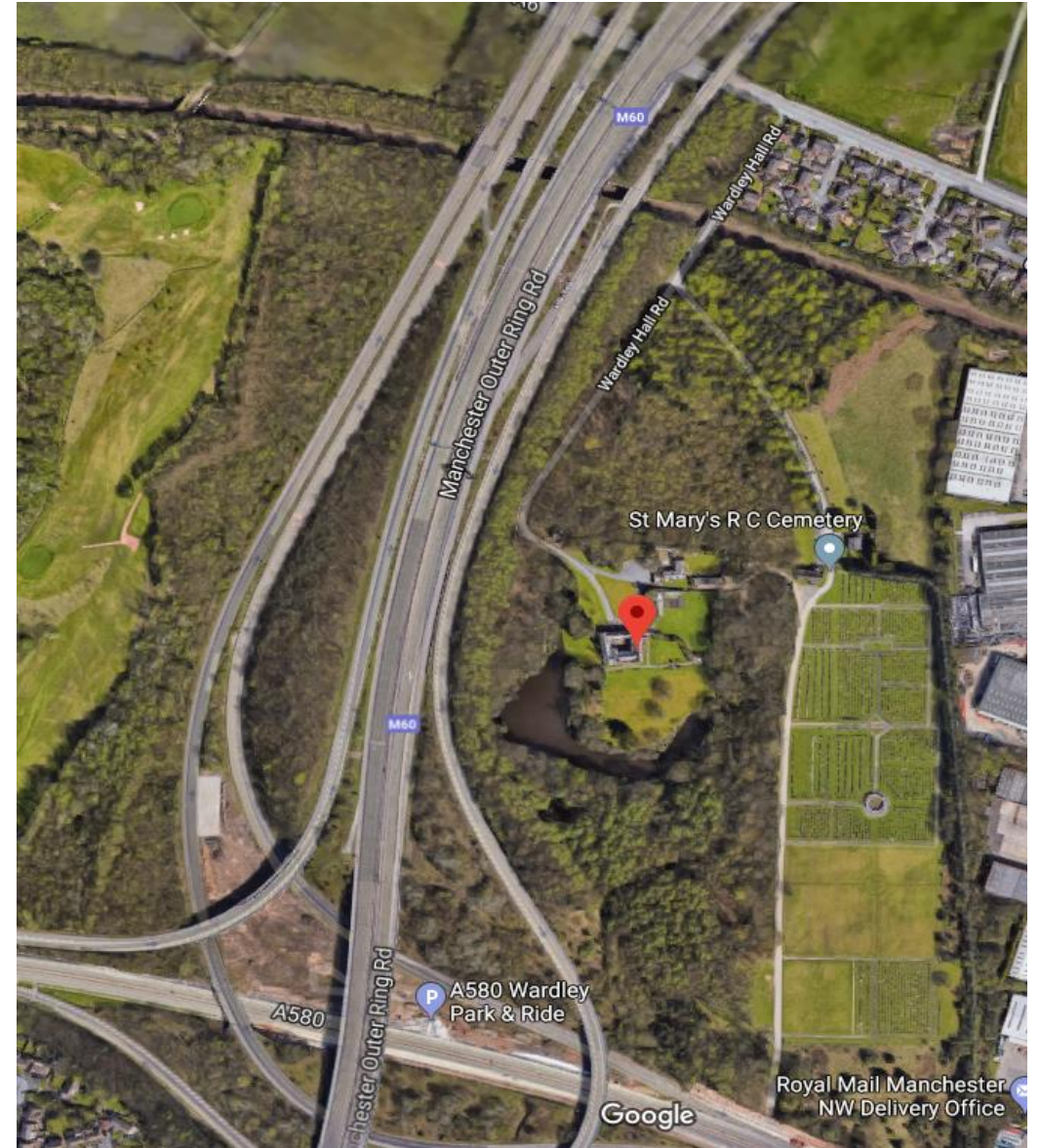
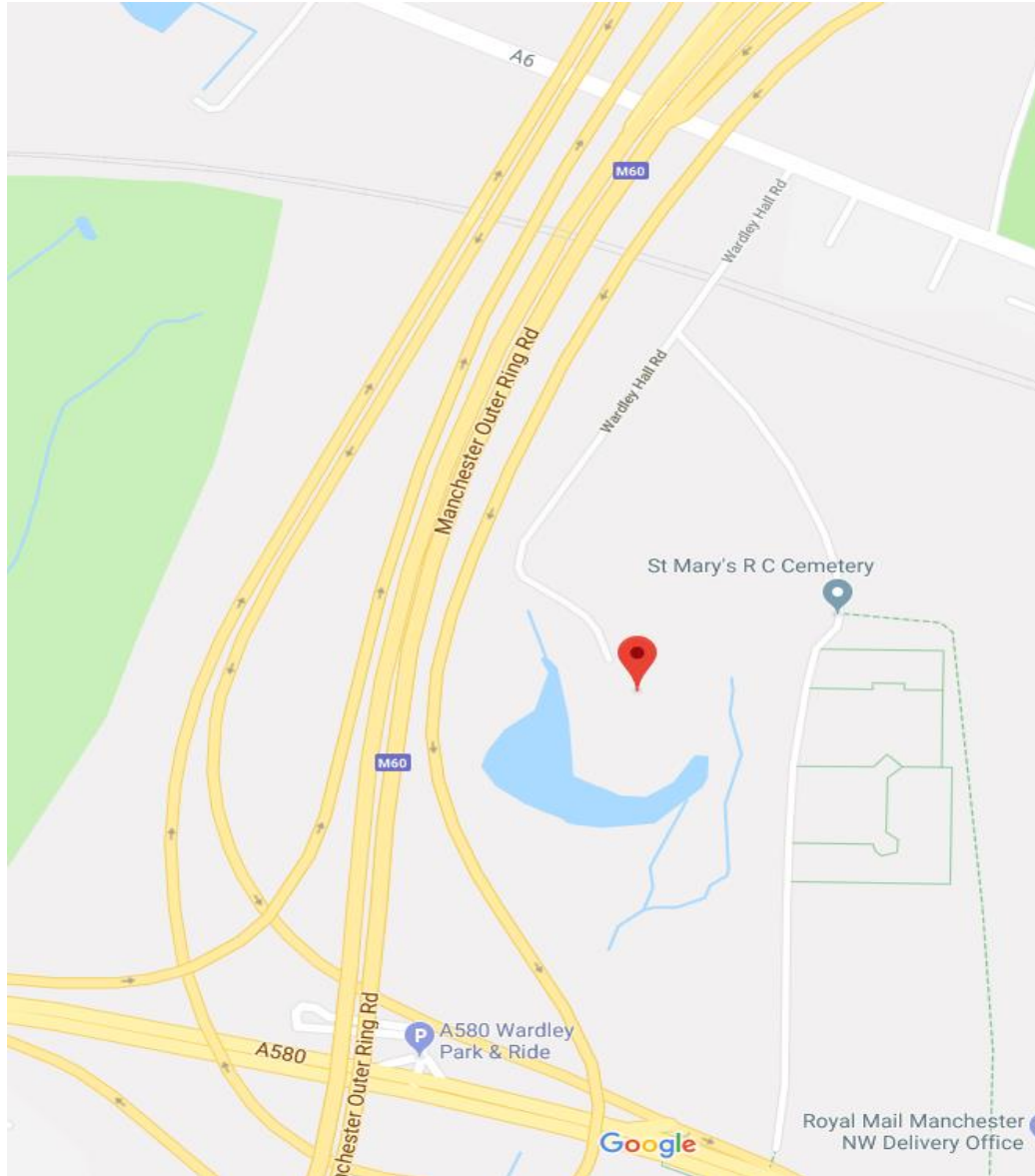
Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton.
Contact : Allan Donoghue.

Different peoples of the earth	Social integration	Integration in development	Individual and community	Integrating the body and soul
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Fair ways of sharing		finance		
A future of peace and hope	A right and a duty	labour	Individuals mature in and through authentic relationships	Respecting the presence of God
		culture		
		family life		
		religion		

Where will we be ?



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Wardley Hall

The residence of the Bishop's of Salford Diocese since 1930

Key features :

- Wardley Hall
- Grounds and gardens
- A walled garden
- A lake
- Stable and courtyard buildings
- 90 acres + of woodland



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Woodland

Grounds and gardens

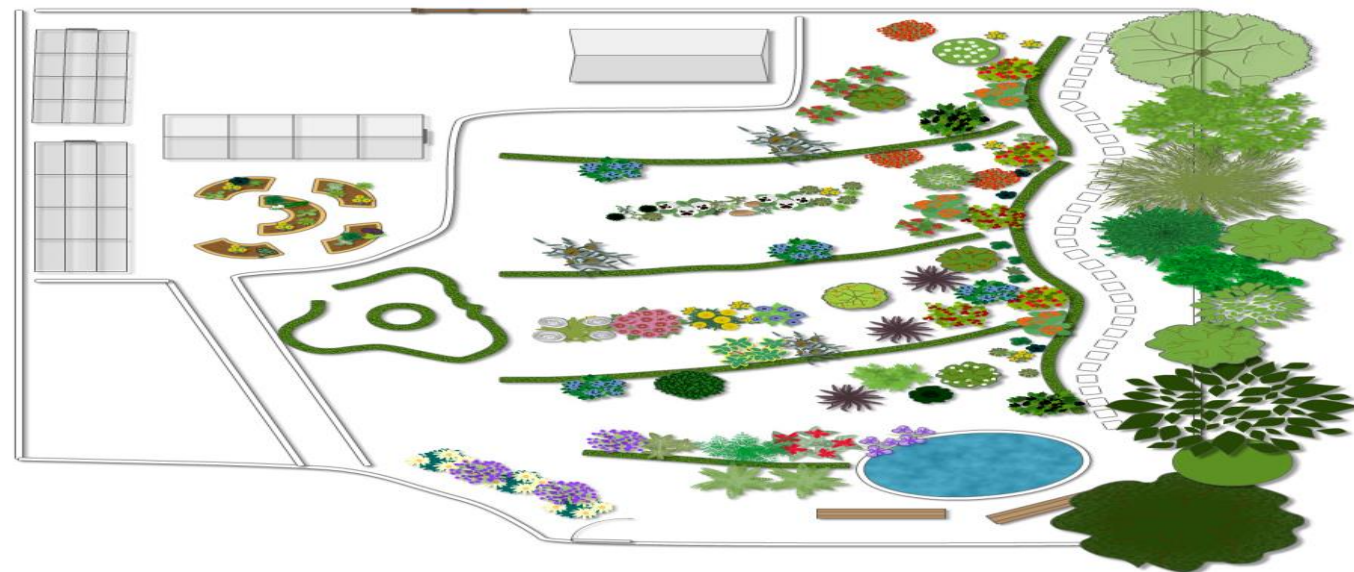
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Lake

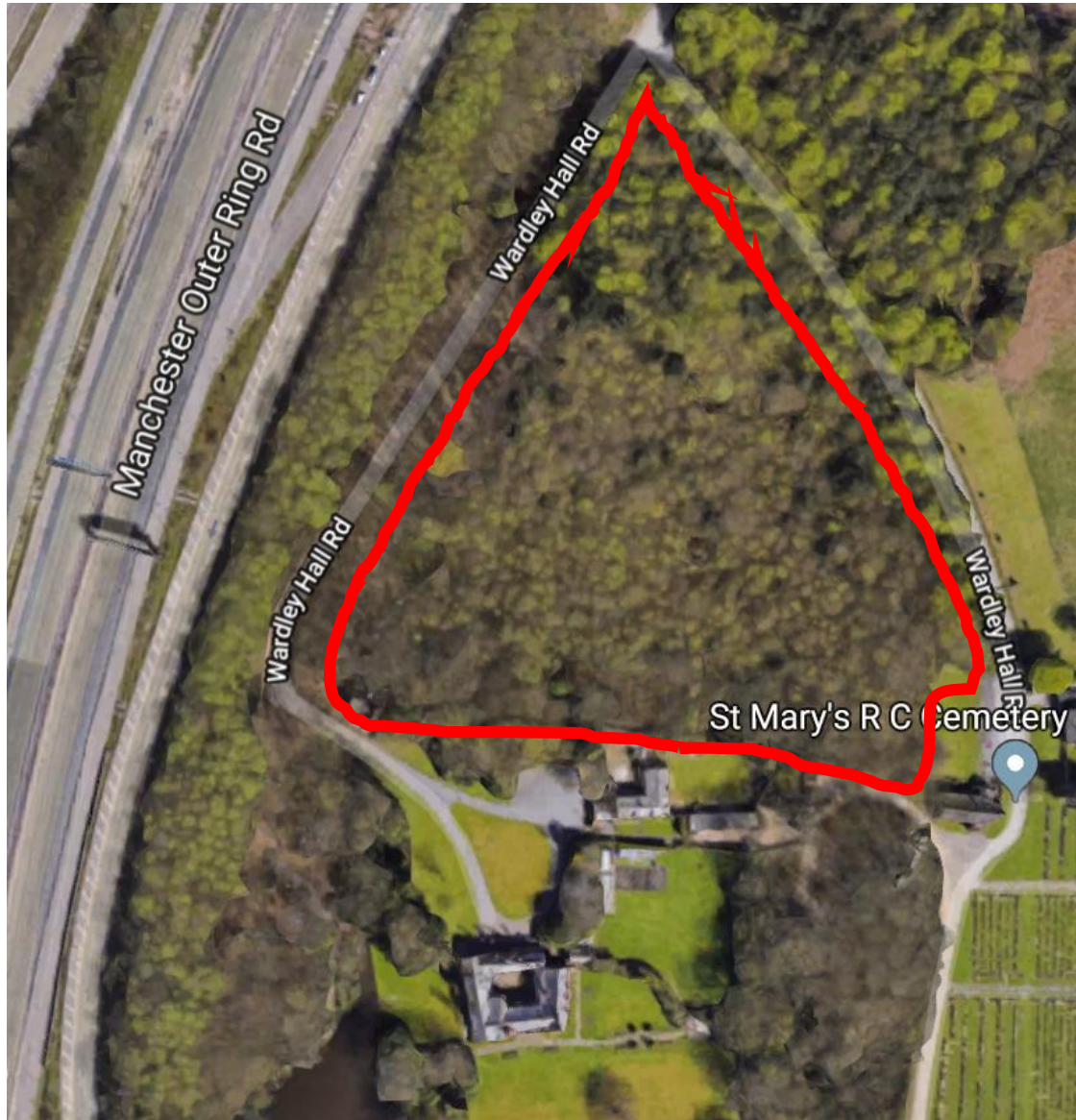
Walled garden







The Woodland – Forest School & Social Forestry ?



Arborist

Safe Tree Inspection

Tree count

Every tree over 6 inches in diameter





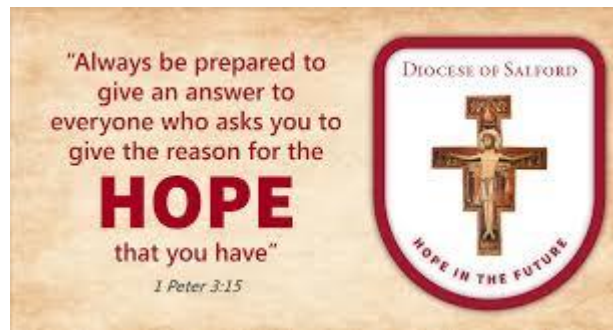
A composite image of Earth and the Moon in space. The Earth is on the right, showing a blue ocean, white clouds, and a portion of a yellowish-brown landmass. The Moon is on the left, appearing as a dark, cratered sphere. The background is a deep black space with a few small, distant stars.

It's About Time

Music and lyrics by John Denver
Additional lyrics by Fenton, Pickering & Murphy

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HOPE IN THE FUTURE: PARISH SOCIAL ACTION DAY ~ ACTION PLANNING SHEET



Main Points To Take Away (SEE & HEAR)	Impact In Our Parish (JUDGE)	Our Initial Thoughts (REFLECT)	Our First Steps Towards Action (ACT)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			