



‘The world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing breaking point’, Pope Francis says

Pontiff notes that despite representatives of more than 190 countries meeting periodically to address climate change, global emissions continue to increase. In his latest encyclical on global warming Pope Francis has been scathing about the various international gatherings on global warming that have taken place since the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. “Whatever is being done risks being seen only as a ploy to distract attention,” he said in the 11-page encyclical, *Laudate Deum* (Praise God), published on Wednesday. An encyclical, or papal document, is an extended letter to Roman Catholics. It is the highest level of teaching document a pope can issue and is intended to teach and guide the faithful. His warning follows his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si* (teaching document), in which he endorsed the scientific consensus on a need for global efforts to confront climate change. Noting that eight years had passed since that encyclical was published, he said that “with the passage of time, I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point”. In his latest encyclical, he recalled how “for several decades now, representatives of more than 190 countries have met periodically to address the issue of climate change” and yet despite these “many negotiations and agreements, global emissions continue to increase”. Arising from these conferences there were “no provisions for sanctions in the case of unfulfilled commitments, nor effective instruments to ensure their fulfilment”, he said. The world “must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes”, he said. The next Conference of the Parties (COP28) will take place in the United Arab Emirates, “a country of the Persian Gulf known as a great exporter of fossil fuels, although it has made significant investments in renewable energy sources”, he said. “Meanwhile, gas and oil companies are planning new projects there, with the aim of further increasing their production.” If there was “sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only

hope for binding forms of energy transition”, he said. “May those taking part in the conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame.” Meanwhile, in a sermon at Mass in St Peter’s Square on Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Vatican’s Synod on Synodality, he warned against “ideological battles” in discussions over coming weeks. The Synod, which takes place behind closed doors, concludes on October 29th and continues in October 2024. The Synod, he said, was “not a political gathering, but a convocation in the Spirit; not a polarised parliament, but a place of grace and communion. As we embrace this Synodal pathway, this abridged version of the prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

October –Mission Month for this years World Mission Sunday Pope Francis has chosen a theme ‘Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move’ This year ‘s mission focuses on Calcutta, former place of work of Mother Teresa.

Sacristan Collection envelopes are being distributed at the moment with huge appreciation to Terry for all his continued work in our churches. Thank you for supporting him.

Wedding Congrats to Brian Hourigan & Jenny Flannery celebrating this weekend with their families. We wish them both health and happiness for their future.

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Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat. 7th Oct	7pm	Patrick Shanahan (9th) Michael Neville
Mon. 9th	10am	
Tues 10th	10am	No Mass
Fri 13th	10am	No Mass
Sat. 14th	7pm	Michael & Kitty O’Brien
Knockea		
Sun 8th Oct.	11am	Nancy, John, Dan & Peggy Ryan
Wed. 11th	10am	Michael Noone. Matthew Jackson
Sun 8th	11am	



BCDA Ballyneety are holding a Coffee morning in aid of Milford Hospice this Sunday 8th Oct. from 11am –1pm at the Hub , all welcome

Recently deceased Our sympathy to Teresa Moynihan on the passing of her sister –SR. Catherine Meehan , Newbridge Co. Kildare May she rest in Peace.



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