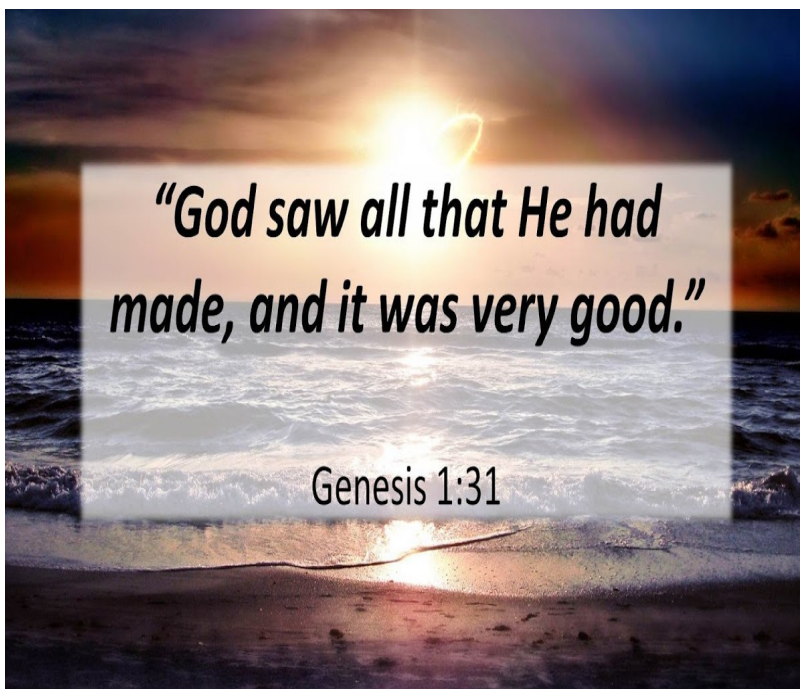


**The English-Speaking Community of
the Parish of Notre Dame
invites you to**

An Evening of Hope for the Planet

**Sunday 7th April at 17.30
Monastery of St. Alphonse**



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Programme

- Welcome and Introduction
- Screening of excerpts from the film *Demain*.
- *Laudato Si* and Christian Hope - S. McCarthy
- An introduction to the Luxembourg nature conservation NGO *natur&ëmwelt* - D. Crowther
- Discussion and Questions.

Afterwards, at 19.00 Mass, will be celebrated - including the singing of St. Francis' canticle *Laudato Si*.

Practical Information

The meeting will take place in the Monastery meeting room, with access from the Monastery Garden.

Use public transport if possible!

But, for those coming by car, there is limited parking available in the Monastery Garden - enter through the arch on Rue Willy Georgen.



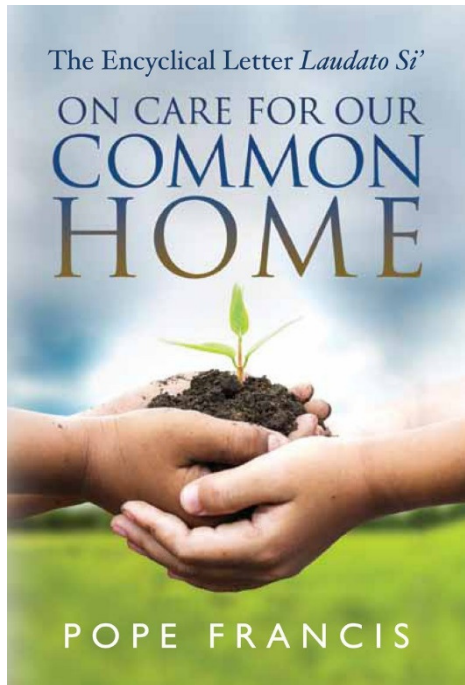
From *Laudato Si*

Many things have to change of course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone..... A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.....

.....An open and respectful dialogue is also needed between the various ecological movements, among which ideological conflicts are not infrequently encountered. The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which demands patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that 'realities are greater than ideas'.

.....In the meantime we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God, for '*if the world has a beginning and if it has been created, we must enquire who gave it this beginning, and who was its Creator*' (Basil the Great). Let us sing as we go. **May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.**

Pope Francis - *Laudato Si*.



First lines of the Canticle of St. Francis

*Altissimu, onnipotente bon Signore,
Tue so le laude, la gloria e l'honore et onne benedictione.
Ad Te solo, Altissimo, se konfano,
et nullu homo ène dignu te mentouare.
Laudato sie, mi Signore cum tucte le Tue creature,
spetialmente messor lo frate Sole,
lo qual è iorno, et allumini noi per lui.
Et ellu è bellu e radiante cum grande splendore :
de Te, Altissimo, porta significatione.
Laudato si, mi Signore, per sora Luna e le stelle:
in celu l'ài formate clarite et pretiose et belle.....*

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.
Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.....