



# INSPIRING IDEAS from our EARTHCARE NETWORK

## St Mary of the Cross Mordialiac

At their first meeting to look at the Audit, their Justice Action Group decided they needed a Bulletin Notice and a Poster to inform their parish. They've shared them with you.

### BULLETIN NOTICE

We are excited to announce that we have registered as a Catholic Earthcare Parish.

In 2015, Pope Francis encyclical, [Laudato Si'](#) was published, imploring us to care for our common home. To establish the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) with 7 Goals for us to work towards.

The Catholic Earthcare Parish Program provides a process to assist us on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. The first step is to identify and celebrate what we are already doing to care for creation. You will find information in the church foyers and if you would like to help us implement this program, please contact XXX

This is an initiative of our parish Justice Action Group (JAG) in response to their work on Laudato Si'.

## Catholic Earthcare Parish Program



### Becoming a Catholic Earthcare Parish

Taking time to reflect on what you currently do is an important step in your ecological conversion and in the process of becoming an Earthcare Parish/Community. It is also a critical step towards inspiring local action and care for our common home.

The Earthcare Parish/Community Certification Process is about considering a range of aspects of parish life, assessing their sustainability and ecological impacts, and beginning to imagine what you as a community might do in response.

This Earthcare Parish Audit Tool is organised in terms of People, Place and Practice. Each includes some audit themes and questions designed to help you to think in different ways about how your parish contributes to sustainability.

Each question aligns with one or more of the 7 Laudato Si' Goals: Response to the Cry of the Earth; Response to the Cry of the Poor; Ecological Economics; Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles; Ecological Education; Ecological Spirituality; Community Resilience and Empowerment.

If you would like to get involved, please contact



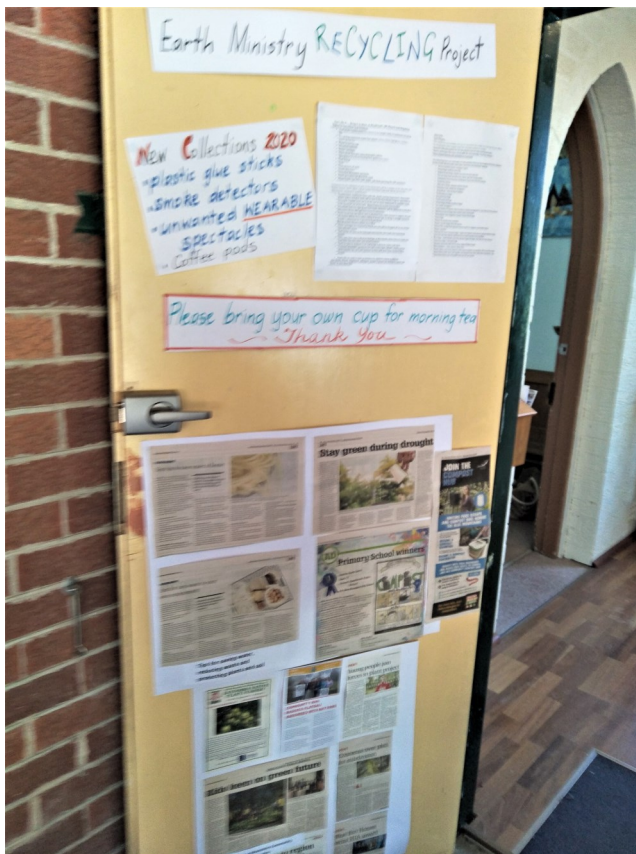
Catholic Earthcare Australia is a program of Caritas Australia engaging with our Catholic community as we listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



Mary, Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe have had a 'Parish Climate Action Group' for three years which has a paragraph placed in the parish newsletter every week about Laudato Si inspired action. They have a banner on the front of their churches and have placed school-children's posters about climate and environmental action on the church windows showing to the public.

St Madeleine's Kenthurst are running a **Laudato Si' Lenten group**. They've shared that they are using material from <https://ecospiritualityresources.com/lent-2020/>





**Blackheath Parish** have been promoting re-cycling for a long time and have a wide range of collection boxes as well as posters promoting recycling. Julie is the 'go to' person for advice in this regard.

**St Peter the Apostle Inglewood** parishioners have erected a fabulous banner outside their church saying **PROTECT CREATION BOLD CLIMATE ACTION BY 2030 STARTING NOW.**



**St Mary's Echuca** set about planting a herb garden on Laudato Si' Sunday and four months later it was flourishing with herbs to share. Currently, they're picking tomatoes!



**Kedron Parishioners in Brisbane** raised their voices in prayer ahead of the international conference in Glasgow on climate change. More than 50 of them gathered on the lawn outside Little Flower Church after Mass on Sunday October 17 to pray as world leaders prepared to meet at the 26<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) from October 31 to November 12.



### **St Joseph's Quarry Hill**

Solar panels seemed like a good idea but how to afford them? Parishioners were presented with information and were then invited to sponsor a panel. In no time at all, 40 panels were subscribed.

**St Mary's Echuca** parishioners participated in Clean Up Australia Day under their parish banner and are planning to do the same again this year.

**Clean up Australia Day 2022 is Sunday 6th March**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Stafford** have completed their **Strategies for Sustainable Practices** developed in 2019. Reflecting on our journey, it is so evident we have 'achieved good things' because of this excellent Policy Document. I recall that we had several drafts and were grateful for feedback (oftentimes rejection!) received from the Parish Council. Valuable criticism enabled development of an excellent working document which guided us well. ... **Reflection is a powerful tool ...**



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