



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE PARISH **ACTION PLANNER**

LAUDATO SI' IN ACTION



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EARTHCARE PARISH ACTION PLANNER



Parish St Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale

Date Beginning Jan 2022

**Name of
person/people
completing this
EARTHCARE PARISH
ACTION PLANNER**

Julie Buick
Michael Barker
Michael Tobin - finished July 2023
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1. PEOPLE

	ACTION	LAUDATO SI' GOAL/S	WHEN WILL YOU ACHIEVE THIS			REVIEW DATE	COMPLETE
			YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		
1.1	Celebrate Season of Creation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	6	X	X	X	Yearly (Oct)	Annual
1.2	Uluru Statement of the Heart- share resources	6, 7	X	X		31 Dec 2023	Completed
1.3	Share the recording of the event with Sherry Balcombe from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry via the parish YouTube channel and through the publication 'Blessings'	2, 5, 6	X			31 Jul 2022	Completed
1.4	Host Uluru Statement from the Heart Information Night			X		26 July 2023	Completed
1.5	Provide leftover bread from Parkdale pantry for parishioners to use every fortnight at alternating churches				X	30 Nov 2024	
1.6							



2. PLACE

	ACTION	LAUDATO SI' GOAL/S	WHEN WILL YOU ACHIEVE THIS			REVIEW DATE	COMPLETE
			YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		
2.1	Explore options for an energy audit	1,3	X		X	31 Dec 2022. New date: 30 June 2024	
2.2	Opening/blessing of outdoor prayer space. Explore resources to help people engage in prayer outside. Potentially have a cross or item representing First Nations.	6	X			31 Dec 2022	Completed 2022
2.3	Explore feasibility of solar panels.	1,3,7	X			31 Dec 2022. New date: 30 June 2024	
2.4	Clean Up Australia Day	1, 7		X		31 March 2023	Completed 2023
2.5	Propose a community herb garden			X	X at St Brigid's	31 Oct 2024	Completed in 2023 at St Louis.
2.6	B&B Highway			X			Completed in 2023



3. PRACTICE

	ACTION	LAUDATO SI' GOAL/S	WHEN WILL YOU ACHIEVE THIS			REVIEW DATE	COMPLETE
			YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		
3.1	Promote Fairtrade products, initially tea (plastic free) and coffee. Record uptake after 3 months. Flyer handed out a mass over the weekend of the 6/7th August 2022	2,5	X	X		31 Dec 2022	
3.2	Promote sustainable products. Initially toilet paper and record uptake after 3 months. Flyer handed out a mass over the weekend of the 6/7th August 2022	1,4,5	X			31 Dec 2022	
3.3	Install a PowerPal to monitor energy usage at the presbytery and potentially both churches.	1,3,4	X			31 Dec 2022	
3.4	Promote recycling of batteries and tennis balls, offering parishioners the opportunity to bring them to mass to be taken to recycling places.	1,3,4,5,7	X			31 Dec 2022	
3.5	Promote International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.		X				



PEOPLE

1.1 Celebrate Season of Creation

- include in liturgy
- host a recycling collection point (fabric, batteries, soft plastic, spectacles etc) - Update: promote local recycling centres instead
- share tips via FB page
- share information about <https://upparel.com.au/>
- Share the link to The Letter and encourage everyone to commit to watching it during the Season of Creation. Julie and Trish to set up alters on 1st Sept.

1.2 Uluru Statement of the Heart

- Share resources
- Host an Uluru Statement from the Heart information night in 2023
- Julie registered for Together Yes- Kitchen Table conversations. Host parish group conversations July - 26 The Voice night St Louis Church. Meet before holidays 14th June St Louis 8pm to plan
- Indigenous Voice to Parliament book by Frank Brennan for us to read.

1.3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

- 2022 - Share the recording of the event with Sherry Balcombe from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry via the parish YouTube channel and through the publication 'Blessings'

Sorry Day

- Event - Caritas and KBHAC webinar 25 May 2023 11am - Action: Nicole to send information

Laudato Si' Week 2023

- In Nature resource from Caritas to share with parish and school community- Nicole to send to Trish for parish FB page
- Look for liturgical resources
- 16-24th May
- Promote the video - The Letter through the newsletter and website
- Theme - hope for the earth, hope for humanity

1.5 Bread from Parkdale Pantry - leftovers collected and provided to parishioners to take after mass. Fortnightly, alternating between St Brigid's and St Louis.



PLACE

2.1 Explore options for an energy audit

- Michael Tobin has a contact who can complete an energy audit, walk through without a written report at no cost. Unable to organise in 2023.
- Arrange an appropriate time with Fr Andrew

2.2 Outdoor Prayer Space

- Opening/blessing of outdoor prayer space.
- Explore resources to help people engage in prayer outside.
- Potentially have a cross or item representing First Nations.

2.3 Explore feasibility of solar panels.

- Wait for energy audit first?
- St Louis sustainability students created a petition to local MP to help fund solar panels for the school. Link shared to support.
- Contact schools to see if we can work together on getting solar panels for both schools and churches

2.4 Clean Up Australia Day 2023

- Clean Up Australia Day is 5 March 2023
- Join existing event or organise our own around the parish/school. Coordinate with the schools event?
- To join Kingston Council. Notice in newsletter. KC provide bags and tongs. Take own gloves
- Completed - day went well. Can prepare earlier to engage more, perhaps hold our own at the parish grounds.

2.5 Herb Garden

- Explore the option to establish a community herb garden at both St Louis and St Brigid's churches.
- Consider using pots at St Brigid's.
- Can use JAG Jar funds to buy the plants.
- Saturday 29 April
- Dina to get price of elevated beds, soil and seedlings. 2 beds – 1 large and 1 smaller for seedlings to replace. Parish to provide funds. Dina to purchase and be reimbursed. Chives, parsley, basil, mint in a separate pot, rosemary in the ground
- Herb gardens are now in place at St Louis. Thanks to all involved. Waiting until herbs are established before inviting the community to take what they need. Continue to explore option for St Brigid's.
- Plant bush tucker plants. Once established could share flyers/information on how to use them.



PLACE

2.6 B&B Highway

- Work with Sr Brigid's and local aged care home as a citizen science project.
- Planting project. Wendy to speak with Nixon House. 1 plant per child. It would be limited to the school's environmental group (not all the children)
- Cost is \$1500 – 4 day short program. \$750 school. \$750 parish.
- Start 28th April - 6, 10 and 11 year olds
- Hope to feature this in the newsletter and Blessings

2.5.23 update- 2 educators from B&B highway. One at Nixon House, one at the school. Planting session completed. More sessions to come. No photos available yet.



PRACTICE

3.1 Promote Fairtrade products, initially tea (plastic free) and coffee.

- Record uptake after 3 months.
- Flyer handed out a mass over the weekend of the 6/7th August 2022
- 2023 - promoting Fair trade chocolate in the lead up to Easter

3.2 Promote sustainable products.

- Initially toilet paper and record uptake after 3 months.
- Flyer handed out a mass over the weekend of the 6/7th August 2022

3.3 Install a PowerPal to monitor energy usage at the presbytery and potentially both churches

- Wait for energy audit recommendations first? Unable to install PowerPal as they are for households. Could consider a PowerPal for the Presbytery

3.4 Recycling

- Promote recycling of batteries and tennis balls.
- Offer parishioners the opportunity to bring them to mass to be taken to recycling places. Confirm with the parish leadership team if we can set up a recycling station at the churches for batteries, soft plastics etc. Update - do to the many recycling stations available in our local community, decision made to not have a recycling station at the churches but to promote/remind parishioners where we can take our recyclables.
- **ACTION**- write a local guide to recycling that can sit on our website. Include dentists where we can recycle toothpaste tubes, potentially Big W has a collection point for broken plastic toys, Rebel Sport for old runners etc
- Recycling - Binston app from Kingston Council. Download and share at next meeting about how we can socialise it with the whole parish.

3.5 Community Herb Garden

- See Place 2.5

3.6 Promote International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.

- 29 September - promote on FB and in parish bulletin tips to reduce food loss and waste, Completed in 2022



Additional Meeting Minutes 2023

- Blessing of animals to be held at St Brigid' on 22 October 2022.
- Everyone encouraged to either attend the national Earthcare screening of The Letter or watch themselves via YouTube.
- Confirm with Fr Andrew (PP) about the visit of the engineer to do an energy audit.
- Encourage everyone to sign the Help Fight Famine petition via Caritas Australia website
- Kingston Council - enhancing urban forest article - share with parish
- Catholic Earthcare Eco Justice calendar - <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/school-resources/ecological-justice-calendar-by-catholic-earthcare-australia/>

Additional Meeting Minutes from 2.5.23

- Julie has applied for grants from South East Water - Herb gardens at both churches and intergenerational Citizen Science project (B&B Highway). It would be great to get reimbursed for expenses.

Meeting 11.7.23

- Plant bush tucker plants. Once established could share flyers/information on how to use them.
- Season of Creation in September - share OJEP 10 Things you can do to respond to Laudato Si' Flyer
- Herb garden for St Brigid's plan for Spring. Arrange planter boxes
- The Voice to Parliament night 27th July
- Kingston Council Tree Planting day 30th July. Encourage parishioners to go along and plant some trees

Meeting 15.8.23

- Planted bush tucker in St Louis herb garden
- St Brigid's herb garden - Dina will place order for materials for 2x planter boxes and explore how to manage soil delivery. October working bee. Saturday 28th 10 AM. Invite St Brigid's gardening group to help.
- Voice Conversation evening went well. Felt balance, great conversations, people holding different views shared comfortably. Link to youtube from Berna via newsletter. Continue to share information in the lead up to the referendum.
- Recycling - Binston app from Kingston Council. Download and share at next meeting about how we can socialise it with the whole parish.
- Season of Creation - share the link to The Letter and encourage everyone to commit to watching it during the Season of Creation. Julie and Trish to set up alters on 1st Sept.

Next meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 8pm via zoom

Meeting Minutes 2024

7.3.24

- Welcome Colin Reiter. Thank you for joining us!
- Revisited action plan
- Trish collecting leftover bread from Parkdale pantry and providing it to parishioners fortnightly after mass. Help welcome as it takes a lot of time and effort to set up the tables and organise the bread.
- Victoria Container Deposit Scheme discussed. Consider promoting, or arranging for money made to go to a charity (BASP/ Caritas/ St Vinnies etc)
- Look into joining local beach clean ups
- We could create the local guide to recycling this year or have a focus each month and at the end of the month, parishioners can bring items to mass and we take them for recycling. This will avoid people leaving items in the foyer all the time.
- ACTION - Look at the first 2 goals from the reflection document before the next meeting.

Next meeting

Tuesday 17th April 7:30pm?