

"ECO-JUSTICE NEWS." Spring Issue 2022
"He Kākano i Ruia Mai" (A Seed that is Planted)
News from the Catholic Parish of Hastings
Environmental and Social Justice Group (ESJ)

ADVENT—
SEASON
OF
BIRTHING
NEW LIFE



Reflection:



Advent Sets us on a road to
New awareness
New insights
New spiritual energy.

GOOD NEWS!

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA group have a brand new coffee machine, and an air pot for making tea, gifted by the Catholic Charities, so that we can be more effective in continuing the ministry of hospitality to all.

The best way to show our appreciation is to :



**Come and share in the Good News!
Have a cup of great coffee or if you prefer, tea!**

Sacred Heart Gathering Space, Wednesdays 10:00– 11:45.

MORE GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to St Mary's School pupils who worked so hard at recycling metal and plastic lids/tops and came 2nd in a competition involving 12 HB schools. It's a great witness to Care of our Environment. Well done.

***Keep up the good work of recycling, everyone.
It all makes a difference!***

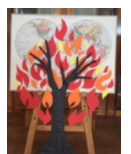


THANK YOU!

Thank you Carmen Testa for your lovely art work.
We learned the message of the Burning Bush
as Pope Francis spoke it:

*"On one hand we can hear in creation the sweet
song in praise of our beloved Creator.*

*On the other hand an anguished plea, lamenting our
mistreatment of this our common home."*



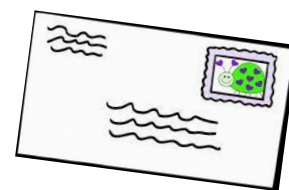
The **Season of Creation** calls us to GIVE THANKS,
as well as PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME.

LOOKING AHEAD !

**Could 2023 be the year we show special LOVE and RESPECT
FOR THE GREAT COMMUNITY OF EXISTENCE ?**

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM:

The launch of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' ground-breaking letter, ushered in what the Pope has called "a change of Era". We are not simply in an "era of change. "



A new Era is being born! A new time for the future of the Earth!

THIS IS OUR TIME !

**We can be part of bringing to birth a new Era for all of creation .
Have you a special interest in LOVING AND PROTECTING CREATION?**



We need your interest and energy. We need you!

**THE 'LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN OFFERS US A PLAN FOR THE JOURNEY.
BE INSPIRED TO PARTICIPATE!**

The Future of **THERMALS FOR CHILDREN** is in good hands!

Many school children enjoyed a warmer winter in snug thermals thanks to the hard work of the Thermal Team, Lee and Suzanne and their helpers. Fundraising has begun again in earnest for the winter of 2023 and we appreciate the generosity of all those who contribute so generously to enable this ministry to continue. Bless you.

HAVING A VOICE IS IMPORTANT FOR BRINGING CHANGE !

Be part of "WRITERS FOR CHANGE " . Speak out on issues that affect negatively, the lives of people or our environment . Watch out for new Topics.



TOPIC NOTES FOR WRITERS:

The Topic: This month we are requesting :
A ban on sale of fireworks to the general public NZ.
Fireworks displays may only be organized by Local

AN IMMEDIATE CHALLENGE AS WE APPROACH CHRISTMAS :

This year replace the pressure of consumerism with a response of compassion

Make a statement against consumerism .

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES LIFE.

**CONSIDER : Fair Trade products , Caritas, Fred Hollows Foundation, Mission Without Borders.
(See board in Sacred Heart Gathering space or check the relevant websites.)**

