

ECO-JUSTICE" Summer Issue 2023
"He Tākano i Ruia Mai" (A Seed that is Planted)

News from the Catholic Parish of Hastings
Environmental and Social Justice Group (ESJ)

**In the
face of darkness
may we
not look back
to the past
but
in the darkness
search for the
dawn of God.**

Teilhard de Chardin



"God entrusts the people with their moment in history "

Walter Bruggeman

This is our moment .

Difficult and all as it is, we can face our days with faith.

"Bring on the days of our lives.

We have a God who has already walked them

and found them holy-making." Joan Chittister.

***"There are many things
that can only be seen
by eyes that have cried."***

Archbishop Oscar Romero

The Lenten theme for 2023 is very appropriately

"I am the light of the world "

We are reminded that life is a journey with the God who is the light that leads us through the darkness . It is this hope that carries us from stage to stage in life and enables us to witness to the Spirit within .

Hope is the gift we can give to others .

To Reflect....

What can you do to help another overcome their challenges?

How can you bring light into someone else's life ?

A Call to Action.....

The need is here and now . We have all been touched in some way by cyclone Gabrielle , our own family situation, our friends, the stories we have heard . , The compassion we experience calls us to respond,in whatever way we can to those situations that come up each day . The smallest thing is important.

We are supported by the witness of a community working together for the common good.

Take a break!

Take time out to enjoy a cuppa, relax and recharge.

Wednesday morning cuppa is in full swing.

Sacred Heart Gathering Space

10:00– 11:45

Come along. Bring a friend!



The Work for Justice Continues

Thermals for Children—A Good News Story!



Thermals for Children 2023 is well underway.

We are delighted that we have reached our target and are now waiting for schools to return their order forms so we can place our order with Postie Plus.

We aim to have the clothing distributed by 31 st May.

We are extremely grateful to our very generous funders this year: Peter Fama, Catholic Charities, Clubs Hastings, Hawke's Bay Foundation, Joan Fernie Charitable Trust and Havelock North Primary School BOT.

Keep in mind.....The LAUDATO SI Journey.

DID YOU receive a copy of Laudato Si as a travelling book?

HAVE YOU read it and passed it on?

Some years ago 3 copies of the Pope's letter started their journey around our parish as travelling books .

Are they still being read? Are they still on the journey?

This year we continue our response to make Laudato Si
a LIVING DOCUMENT—A WAY OF LIFE

Make sure you read Laudato Si or watch the Youtube "The Letter."

**Brought to you by the Catholic Parish of Hastings
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