

# ECO-JUSTICE" Summer Issue 2022 "He Tākano i Ruia Mai" ( A Seed that is Planted)

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

We are  
people who  
anticipate  
the dawn  
even as we face  
the darkness  
that  
surrounds us  
today.



### *A Thought to Ponder*

Mary Magdalene moves courageously through the night  
to the tomb of Jesus, defying darkness and fear.

She does not surrender to the reality of the facts,  
because all the words of hope spoken by her Master  
now echo in her heart as an unbreakable promise.

### **Make our Time.....**

#### **A NEW MOMENT OF GRACE - FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD**

**Division in New Zealand - War in Ukraine**

**How can these happenings become MOMENTS OF GRACE?**

**Situations such as these offer us opportunities for change, growth.**

**If the Christian message tells us anything ,  
it is that the seed of life is in dying .**

**The Lenten journey leads us through Crucifixion to Resurrection.**

*What is the **seed of life** inherent in those things which **diminish humanity**?*

Caritas NZ offers us a **prophetic pathway** for Lent 2022 :

### **"Called to be Peacemakers."**

*How can we answer this Call?*

*As an Individual:*

1. *Have a peacemaking plan*
  - *Pray each day for peace*
  - *Think thoughts of peace*
  - *Speak words of peace*
  - *Act from a peace-filled heart.*



2. *Be part of a Group:*

- *Pray together*
- *Reflect on Scripture*
- *Join the Caritas Lenten Programme*

**BE A WITNESS FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD !**

## A NEW MOMENT OF GRACE - LIFE FOR OUR CHURCH IN OUR WORLD

### SYNODALITY : Walking on the Road Together

Pope Francis invites us to reflect together, to dialogue .

**We are to imagine a new future, a vision for the church.**

*As much as we cherish who we have been as church, and what we may have accomplished , these cannot be the lens through which we imagine the future.*

**This is a time when the Spirit breathes through the contributions of the whole community enabling the church to discover what God is asking of us at this time and into the future.**

***Let us, as church, give witness to overcoming our differences for the greater good—the work of the Spirit — communion, participation, mission.***

**BE PART OF THE JOURNEY ! Booklets available at the Parish office.**

Excellent viewing : You tube :

**"Austen Ivereigh on Pope Francis' Vision for a Synodal Church."**



### "Thermals for Children 2022"

We are in the last stages of fund-raising for this thermal clothing project with about \$4,000.00 still required. To date we have 28 schools interested in receiving clothing for their tamariki.

Last year we had wonderful feedback from many of the schools and we know the schools, whanau and tamariki really appreciate what they are receiving.

***"My name is T.....and I have six brothers and sisters. It is good to know that there are kind-hearted people left in the world. Many of our whanau are going through difficult times and it is generous of you to donate to our kura. Thank you so much we will be forever grateful."***

## Recycling

***"..... and acknowledge our responsibility of stewardship to the earth and all living things."***

Our Parish Prayer reflects on the importance of caring for God's creation. We appreciate the efforts people are making to bring their bottle tops, bread tags, batteries etc to be recycled rather than them going to the landfill. **We are making a difference in reducing waste and how much more could we do if everyone in our parish did the same?**

**Check on your supermarket and other shops that collect soft plastics for re-use, you may be surprised how much you use.**

