



# *Laudato Si' - in Action*

## *April 2023 Message*

PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH & ST. ANTHONY, BRACKEN RIDGE / BALD HILLS, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

As a Parish we have committed to playing our part to follow the call from Pope Francis to care for creation and our common home with our own Parish Action Plan. This month we continue with practical suggestions that will help bring to action some simple steps we can take. We previously talked about the purchase of fairtrade products in our Response to the cry of the Poor.

In our main supermarkets in Queensland fairtrade products are available. Buying Fairtrade is buying smarter. When you purchase products with the Fairtrade Mark, you're helping eradicate global poverty and inequality around the world – straight from your trolley. The international Fairtrade system exists to end poverty through trade and works with almost 2million farmers and workers in developing countries worldwide. It owns the Fairtrade Mark – the most trusted ethical label in the world – appearing on over 30,000 products globally.

Ideas for April:

- In Queensland, we have 3 leading supermarkets - Aldi, Coles, Woolworths. All provide information on their websites about the steps they have taken to achieve sustainability. It is well worth looking at and familiarising yourself with their best practices.
- [Aldi](#) work under the heading of Sustainability in areas they call Good Planet, Good Community, Good Health, and Good business.
- [Coles](#) also use Sustainability to promote their efforts in Together to zero and Better together.
- [Woolworths](#) work from the lead of A better tomorrow to showcase their emphasis in Growing greener, Making healthy easier, Caring for all Australians, and Celebrating Australian Fresh.
- You can find their certified fairtrade products online and purchase online or instore coffee tea, cocoa, chocolate, and ice cream.

- We all support these businesses in some form and you can see how they are addressing sustainability practices around packaging, energy use, recycling, responsible sourcing of products.

Let's play our part by knowing where our groceries come from, buying local, buying responsibly and supporting business that are trying to address real global issues.

Further information about Fair Trade practices and products can be found [here](#).

You can find information regarding the Laudato Si goals Pope Francis has set [here](#).

And you can find our Parish Action plan [here](#).

Thanks for your interest; any feedback can be sent to Debbie at [bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au)

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