

Draft LSAP Plan for the Catholic Parish of the Lower North Shore

LSAP GOALS:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth (RCE)
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor (RCP)
3. Ecological Economics (EEc)
4. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles (SL)
5. Ecological Education (EE)
6. Ecological Spirituality (ES)
7. Community Engagement and Participatory Action (CEPA)

OUR GOALS

First Nations Country and People

1. Learn more about the First Nations history of the parish (EE)
2. Learn more about the native flora and fauna of our region (EE)
3. Acknowledge the original custodians of parish land on our website, in our weekly bulletin, our Facebook page and in our Welcome to Mass on certain, special occasions (ES)

STRATEGIES

Invite a guest speaker from the Aboriginal Heritage Office

Publicise community courses and events in our parish bulletin & on church noticeboards

Add an acknowledgement to our website and Facebook page; begin Mass with an acknowledgement: for NAIDOC week, for Communion and Confirmation masses, and others to be decided

4. Endorse the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* (RCP, CEPA)

Invite participation from parishioners to create an advocacy group to inform us how best to support the Statement and referendum

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY

1. Educate the parish community about *Laudato Si'* etc, promoting care for our common home

(a) Publicise and promote events, conferences, talks, seminars, webinars, etc, in the parish bulletins and on parish noticeboards
(b) Organise an annual *Laudato Si'* event, preferably in collaboration with other parishes
(c) Create a small discussion group, meeting regularly, on the theme of "Living *Laudato Si'*" (SL)
(d) Regularly include quotes from *Laudato Si'* in the parish bulletin

2. Encourage a contemplative lifestyle

(a) Support the work of the WCCM within the parish
(b) Ask the priests if they would consider giving an afternoon of spiritual development on the topic of contemplative prayer, or invite a speaker to do
(c) Monthly Adoration to pray for Pope Francis' intentions, including a reading from his work

3. Celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week and the Season of Creation

(a) Enhance the liturgy of the Sunday mass during *LS* week (hymns, prayers of the faithful, slides, etc)
(b) Highlight the Season of Creation in the Sunday masses; put quotes from *LS* on the noticeboards and in the parish bulletin.

(c) Use resources available online for (a) and (b)

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

1. Avoid the use of single-use items in the parish office and at all parish events (EEc)

Bring this item to the attention of the parish priest

2. Make the functioning of the parish as ecological as possible (EEc)

Give printed copies of the Catholic Earthcare audit to the parish priest, and ask him to consider what more could be done to reduce our ecological footprint as a parish community

3. Create a community garden on parish land

Speak to the parish priest; ascertain whether there is enough interest within the community to do this

4. Create an e-guide to recycling in this Council area

Liaise with the youth group of the parish and June O'Keefe to produce an e-resource for the parish

5. Rubbish collection around the Parish's suburbs

Once per month collect rubbish after Sunday Mass for 30 minutes, before displaying and disposing of it – 3 times per annum in each of Naremburn, Northbridge and Willoughby

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

1. Provide and promote information and advocacy opportunities on issues including climate change, refugees, local and global

Use the parish bulletin and noticeboards for this

poverty and First Nations justice

2. Continue to support LETS, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas, CWF and Catholic Mission

3. Promote solidarity with the vulnerable and the afflicted

Continue as usual, but find better ways of communicating and engaging with parishioners

(a) Annual Good Friday liturgy does this

(b) Prayers of the Faithful

(c) Create liturgies of lament when appropriate and there are people willing to work on this

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY ACTION

1. Make a yearly evaluation of our progress

Invite parishioners to join the LSAP team in evaluating our success in implementing our goals, and making suggestions for the future.