

ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
BANSTEAD

CARE FOR THE
HOME

EARTH - OUR COMMON



Immersion in Living Water is a symbol of renewal and birth - water flowing from the Temple as a sign of God's caring and healing for us. The symbol invites Christians to a spiritual immersion - praying together and working together for the renewal of Creation.

OUR VISION

To be the best stewards of God's creation as we can be

OUR MISSION

To care for God's creation through prayer and action

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

To listen to each other and the Earth and to work together

OUR ACTION PLAN / ACCOMPLISHMENT

Be men and women who build bridges (Pope Leo)

"The poor you will always have with you." (Mt 26:11)

- Bring and Buy sale proceeds given to charity
- Pre-loved toys and children clothes sent to the 'Little Village'
- Clothes donated to the detainees and the homeless
- Weekly collection of goods delivered to the local food bank

We care for the earth as it was here before us and it has been given to us.

- Native and fruit trees planted in the parish.
- A flower garden established to provide flowers for our church
- Water butts installed to use rain water for the garden
- Clean transportation - We encourage able parishioners to walk or cycle to Sunday Mass during the summer months

It is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyles (LS 211)

- Screening of the films 'The Letter' (Pope Francis) and 'Raising Hope' (Pope Leo)
- Encouraged parishioners to buy local and seasonal produce and to sign petitions regarding pollution in the environment.
- Information made available on how to save energy and water and to cut food waste
- Blister packs, used batteries and mobile phones recycled
- Responsibly sourced tea, coffee and sugar used in the parish

Strengthening the spiritual dimension of each other

- The statue of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of the poor and ecology is a reminder of our mission
- The Feast of St Francis celebrated
- The first Mass for the Care of Creation celebrated
- Lenten soup and Friendship: Evenings with reflections to deepen ecological awareness
- A nature walk with reflection and lunch
- Contemplation: an invitation to slow down and to listen to the Holy Spirit