

## Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, Laudato Si Reflection.



Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton is on a journey to respond to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* in solidarity with this diocese especially all Catholic schools, parishes, families, and organisations Plumpton Parish is embarking on a seven-year journey towards achieving seven **Laudato Si' Goals**.

At Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton we intend to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. This commitment is made in response to the invitation from **Pope Francis** and the **Australian Catholic Bishops** to embark on such a journey.

We are inspired by our Bishop's message:

<https://parracatholic.org/fifth-laudato-si/>

"In the light of the ecological crisis that demands a conversion of heart and a change of lifestyle, we must have the courage to align ourselves with God's plan for the world.

Only by acting in the best interests of the environment, of the poor and of future generations can we save this planet from devastation.

We cannot continue 'business' as usual and neglect the poor, the afflicted and the ailing planet, the consequences can only be destructive.

When we are out of touch with the natural world and our spiritual roots, we deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.

This ecological crisis, we are living through, is a symptom of a deeper malaise, a sign that we have alienated ourselves from the God of life and love; that we have become dull to the cry of God's poor and the cry of God's creation.

Therefore, it is an opportunity for us to recognise our own sinfulness that contributes to the suffering of Body of Christ, now, at this moment, in the poor, the dispossessed, the marginalised and our wounded Mother Earth."

This year we will begin to participate in **ecological spirituality** and **action** across multiple ministries in the Parish to journey towards a better world for all.

### Our Values:

Ministry and vocational leadership	Invitation and accompaniment	Faith based vision of creation Ecological Spirituality	Building community
Prayer and Sacraments	Love and compassion Welcome and hospitality	Attentiveness and participatory	Connection and action