



## Parish Pastoral Council Adult Faith Invitation—the call of Creation

The wildflowers are blooming right across Canberra, in our gardens and on our mountains. Creation is speaking to us in beautiful and profound ways. Creation has another voice as well. Not so long ago we could barely see the end of our streets for smoke from bushfires. Our screens are showing us more devastating fires, floods and extreme weather events across the globe. The world's scientists are sounding alarms that we dare not ignore. In the face of this, Pope Francis is calling us to listen to Creation. He is calling us to 'ecological conversion', individually and collectively.

In response to this call, you are invited to come on a journey of adult faith education. We will work together to find pathways of hope. Pope Francis says 'The Creator does not abandon us' and he is inviting us to 'Prepare the future, now'.

As a first step you are invited to **watch one or both** of the following films over the next two weeks:

- ***Before the Flood***. This is freely available on Youtube. It is narrated by Leonardo Di Caprio in his role as UN Ambassador for Peace. He interviews scientific and political leaders as well as local people in places like Kiribati, Palau and India. He also has an audience with Pope Francis.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbEnOYtsXHA>
- ***Breaking Boundaries: The Science of our Planet***. This is available on Netflix. It is narrated by David Attenborough with a focus on Earth's systems and how humans are pushing them to their limits.

The second step is to join a zoom meeting for all parishioners on **Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm**. In this meeting we will gather for conversation in small groups to share our experience and response to the film/s. Our responses may be heart felt, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, critical or all of these. How to book will be advised next week.

Step three will be an invitation to read the first Chapter of *Laudato Si'* and join a second dialogue gathering on Zoom. The journey may continue from there to watch other films and go more deeply into *Laudato Si'* to discern new pathways.

We are fortunate to be guided in this process by Jacqui Rémond, a leader on *Laudato Si'*, Catholic social teaching and adult faith education. This project is part of the Parish Pastoral Council's priority for 2021 - Adult Faith Education. The planning group

is made up of Cheryl Hamill, Megan Thompson, Bernard Williams, Brendan Gibson, Jacqui Rémond, and Fr Simon Falk. Please direct your enquiries to any member of the planning team and remember to register to join us on this new parish initiative.