

*"The effects of our **encounter** with **Jesus Christ**...*



*...becomes **evident** in our relationship with the **world** around us"*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 217

## • PLASTIC • WASTE •



We make and use 20 times more plastic today than we did 50 years ago<sup>i</sup>



Every year, we throw away enough plastic to circle the world 5 times, 40kg per UK household each year<sup>i</sup>



55% of plastic is not recycled, 8 million tonnes of the world's plastics end up in our oceans yearly<sup>i</sup>



Humans may be consuming between 39,000 and 52,000 microplastic particles each year<sup>ii</sup>



Plastics consistently make up 80% of all marine debris (approximately weighing up to 269,000 tonnes)<sup>iii</sup>

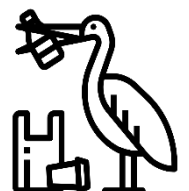


100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually<sup>iii</sup>

*"We must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart."*

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***A New Earth – The Environmental Challenge (2002)***

- caring for creation -



# • STANDING FOR CHANGE •

## **Your daily life:**

- ✓ Do you use plastic when you could use something else?
- ✓ Are you recycling as much as you can be?
- ✓ Teach your children the importance of caring for our common home

## **Ongoing change:**

- ✓ Could you stop using plastic bags from supermarkets?
- ✓ Could use alternatives to clingfilm?
- ✓ Could you buy fruit and veg that are not pre-bagged?

## **In the Parish:**

- ✓ Tell someone what you are doing & encourage them to join in

# • FIND OUT MORE •

<https://www.unep.org/interactive/beat-plastic-pollution/>

<https://myplasticfreelife.com/plasticfreeguide/>

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/how-does-plastic-end-ocean>

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.recyclingbins.co.uk/recycling-facts/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/environment/2019/06/you-eat-thousands-bits-plastic-every-year>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.sas.org.uk/our-work/plastic-pollution/plastic-pollution-facts-figures/>

