

“The effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ...



...becomes evident in our relationship with the world around us”

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 217

• POLLUTION •



Air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every yearⁱ



At least 140 million people in 50 countries have been drinking water containing arsenic at levels above the WHO guideline value of 10 µg/Lⁱⁱ



Every minute a newborn dies from infection caused by lack of safe water and an unclean environmentⁱⁱⁱ



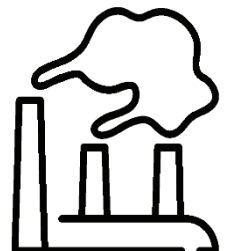
785 million people don't have clean water close to homeⁱⁱⁱ



Each day in the UK sewers collect over 11 billion litres of wastewater, which is approximately 150 litres per person^{iv}

“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.”

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
A New Earth - The Environmental Challenge (2002)



- caring for creation -

• STANDING FOR CHANGE •

Your daily life:

- ✓ Buy local, choose to buy food when you can that is grown locally.
- ✓ Are you wasting electricity within your home?
- ✓ Teach your children the importance of caring for our common home

Ongoing change:

- ✓ Could you walk instead of drive?
- ✓ Could you car share?
- ✓ Turn a part of your garden into a allotment to grow your own

In the Parish:

- ✓ Tell someone what you are doing & encourage them to join in
- ✓ Could a group within the parish begin a community allotment?

• FIND OUT MORE •

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/vl/health-and-env-effects-air-pollutions.pdf>

<https://www.wateraid.org/why-we-are-here>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKBVwX8dVhI>

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Cut-your-carbon-footprint>

ⁱ <https://www.who.int/health-topics/air-pollution>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/arsenic>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.wateraid.org/facts-and-statistics>

^{iv} <https://www.cbre.co.uk/research-and-reports/our-cities/sewage>

