



Events

Theme: “Raising Hope”

1. Laudato Si' Workshop with Sr Margaret Endicott – 24th May

Registration: beache@bne.catholic.net.au



2. Relay of Light

All Caritas and partner organisations are encouraged to organise a Relay of Light to mark and celebrate the tenth anniversary of Laudato Si' on 24th May 2025. They light and pass on a lit candle in support of the campaign.

The concept involves starting a symbolic action in one time zone and passing it on to the next, creating a continuous 24-hour wave of action across the globe, starting in Samoa and finishing in American Samoa 24 hours later. For this reason, we ask that you **hold your local Relay of Light at midday in your time zone on Saturday 24 May 2025**, with each candle lighting representing a call to action for debt justice, turning debt into hope, together reinforcing to the Jubilee theme.

Click [here](#) for the details.

In Brisbane we are hosting a Relay of Light at the Laudato Si' Week Workshop in Keperra at 12 noon.

3. Caloundra Event

All are warmly invited to a relaxed and friendly evening presentation by EnviroCom to find out how we can help make a more sustainable future for all.

"War on Waste – What we can do!"

OLR Catholic Church, 61 Edmund St. Caloundra.

Wednesday 21 May, 7.00pm

– 8.00pm followed by a cuppa.



PRACTICAL ACTIONS. Learn what small changes we can make that, in the end, will result in a huge impact. Learn what the Sunshine Coast Council is doing to minimise and manage waste. (Time for questions as well.) **Hosted by the OLR Laudato Si' Care for Creation Group**

Link [here](#) for poster.

4. Biggest Bush Walk

In the month of May parishioners can participate in [Australia's Biggest Bush Walk](#). The Australia's Biggest Bushwalk is a walking challenge that raises funds to protect Australian wildlife. Inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has again registered a team called, **Living Laudato Si'**. Last year the team collectively walked 926km in the month of May and raised \$855. One parish kept a record of all the kilometres they walked for the whole of the month as individuals and another hosted a wonderful day's outing with a variety of bush walks.

Through our participation in this challenge, we show our love for God by being present in nature and protecting our wildlife. We encourage parishes and individuals to join this impactful and practical activity. See the details and registration links [here](#).



5. Catholic Religious Australia "10,000 for 10" Initiative

To mark the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, CRA has launched the "10,000 for 10" initiative to encourage Australians to plant and/or protect 10,000 trees.

If you cannot plant a tree, you can protect one or make a donation to a not-for-profit organisation focused on regenerative projects.

Great things can happen when many people do their little bit. You can join the initiative and access the resources through their [website](#).

6. Zoom Events



ACI Webinar meets PJE Sharing: 10 Years since Laudato Si' – A Time for Hope or Despair?

24 May 2025 will mark the 10-Year Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*. The Australian Cardijn Institute and MET–PJE invite you to a webinar with Sebastian Salaske-Lentern and Sue Martin, who will reflect on the ecological journey that Francis has taken us on in the past ten years.

Have we made enough progress in tackling the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, or is it time to despair? What can give us hope for the path ahead in this Jubilee Year and beyond?

DATE: 8 May 2025

TIME: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: On zoom

Register [here](#)

Caritas “Turn Debt Into Hope” Campaign Launch Webinar

Friday 16 May 2025, 12pm – 1pm

Caritas Internationalis – together with faith-based, and civil society organisations around the world – invites all people of goodwill to join a “Turn Debt into Hope” campaign for the Jubilee Year of Hope and 10-Year Anniversary of Laudato Si', which will include an online petition.

Info and registration: caritas.org.au/debt

Please contact Emma Beach at Archdiocesan Ministries with any questions or clarifications.

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