

Earth Ministry Project ~ Celebrating 5 years of Laudato Si ~ May 16-May 24

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In Laudato Si' Pope Francis invites us to, "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (222).

Some ways of living Laudato Si everyday

- **Waste less** – reduce food waste; save your fresh fruit and veg scraps for our new collection bin for compost, helping to reduce landfill; drop off your bottles, cans and cartons for the **Return and Earn** recycling program- 117 items collected this week!
- **Share more**—thank you for your contributions to the Vinnie's food and clothing bins
- **Take time to pray and give thanks**—spend time every day to pray, to give thanks, and to savor the things that you do have.

BLACKHEATH VINNIES

Thank you for your generous donations of food which is vitally needed. There are bins on the verandah at Sacred Heart Church which are emptied daily, sometimes twice daily. This food is taken to our office in Katoomba where it is stored until Members of the Blackheath Conference distribute it to the vulnerable who seek our assistance.

A reminder that our Vinnies Clothing Bin, located in the carpark of the church (thank you Father Bob), continues to accept donations of clothing. It is regularly emptied, and all donations are very much appreciated

To access our services, dial **1800 606 724**. A 'request for assistance' is sent via email to the Blackheath members who are rostered on duty that day, and who will action this request. In last week's bulletin I read with interest Richard Leonard S.J. words "Happiness is found in sharing what we can", Blackheath Vinnies can vouch for this. And this would be a good time to thank the Parish Bulletin Team (David, Pat and Patricia) for providing us with this link to each other. If you know of anybody who needs assistance, or you would like to join us in our work, please call me.