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An exploration of Creation as God's love story

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Overview

There will be three short presentations with time for questions and reflections after each section. The Webinar will explore the urgently needed wisdom and mandate for our times to live simply and be more attuned to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor drawing on *Laudato Si'* and *Querida Amazonia*.

Presenters

Fr Krish Mathavan is a Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC). He professed his first vows in 2011, got ordained in 2017 and is currently parish priest in the parish of St Therese Moonah in Hobart. Prior to discerning the MSC vocation, Krish studied biotechnology in the University of New South Wales, and then went home to Singapore where he studied/worked as a junior research fellow in the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology. He wrote up his doctoral thesis on the identification of conserved elements involved in the regulation of human forebrain genes using a comparative genomics approach.

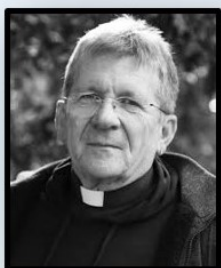
Krish believes God first spoke through creation, before speaking more definitively in the person of Jesus. The study of the natural world through science, and a faith that seeks to understand who Jesus is and why he matters can converge in dialogue and be complementary in understanding how God is present and acts in our world. The current climate crisis has exposed our inability to sense and perceive the inherent sacredness of the world, in every tiny bit of life and death. We struggle to see God in our own reality, let alone to respect reality, protect it, or love it. The consequences of this 'blindness' are all around us, seen in the way we have exploited and damaged creation and our fellow human beings, particularly the most vulnerable. It took until the twenty-first century for a pope to clearly say this, in Pope Francis' prophetic document *Laudato Si'*. We will explore this living document named after the spirit of St Francis of Assisi, and unpack the urgently needed wisdom and mandate for now to live simply and be more attuned to 'both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' (#49).



Anne McAtomney is currently Assistant Principal Mission in a Missionaries of the Sacred Heart school – Downlands College in Toowoomba, Queensland. In the role, she is charged with fostering an environment that reflects the spirit and charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. A significant aspect of Anne's role is responsibility for encouraging a social justice focus within the school community. Anne has a particular commitment to this aspect of her role, notably in the area of eco-spirituality and justice. Anne is a wife, mother of five adult children and grandmother to four under the age of 4. She is a teacher of French, English and Religious Education, and holds post graduate academic qualifications in the fields of Theology and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.



Using her own experience in the faith community of an MSC school, Anne will speak about ways to go about promoting ecological conversion and an orientation to justice and peace within such communities.



Fr Claude Mostowik msc is a Missionary of the Sacred Heart. Claude is currently the promoter for justice, peace and ecology for the MSC and he also serves as National President of Pax Christi Australia and Convenor of Pax Christi Australia (NSW). For nearly 19 years Claude has been the Publications and Research Office for the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education. These involvements involve networking with many other peace and justice groups both religious and civil.

Laudato si' as a call to listen attentively to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. This means a conversion and appreciation of all that lives at all levels of society. For this we need a listening heart. 'A change of heart occurs when people look beyond themselves, and then to the rest of life. It is strengthened when they also expand their view of landscape, from parish to nation and beyond, and their sweep of time from their own lifespans to multiple generations and finally to the extended history of (man)kind' Edwin. O. Wilson The Future of Life (2002)

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