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Co-Ordinators Spring Gathering

**Affirming, Experiencing and Celebrating the Spirituality
of *Laudato Si'* on Care for our Common Home**

Thursday 8th October 2015 - 9.30am-2.30pm

Catholic Pastoral Centre (Seminar Room)

40A Mary St Highgate 6003



St Francis of Assisi reminds us in the “Canticle of the Creatures” that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.

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Contemplating the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* of the Holy Father Francis on Care for our Common Home

Content

Examining the Gospel of Creation (LS:62-100)

Affirming and celebrating our Kinship with Creation and the Conversion of Hearts through the ordinariness of family and parish life (LS:213-221)

Process

Praying the four Elements of the Canticle of Creatures

Prayer walk to experience and engage the divine in nature

Discussion on the challenges that *Laudato Si'* poses for us personally and as a community of disciples

Facilitators



Dr Michelle Jones

Dr Michelle Jones is the Director of the Centre for Faith Enrichment (formerly the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation) in the Archdiocese of Perth. Michelle is passionate about discovering the living flame of love within the Church's theological tradition and helping others to encounter that love. Her areas of interest include Spirituality, Christology, Trinitarian Theology and Scripture. Michelle has a Doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome; her thesis was on Carmelite spirituality. A great admirer of Julian of Norwich (a mystic and felineophile), Michelle shares her life with a cat named Rachel.



Francis Leong

Francis Leong is the Director for Catholic Mission in the Archdiocese of Perth. He spent 8 years in Africa with the Jesuit Refugee Service where he developed a social awareness programme involving story-telling, meditation & dreamwork that was designed to empower local refugee and rural parish communities for environmental & child protection advocacy as well as conflict prevention and peace education. In his spare time Francis plants trees on a forty acre rural retreat in an attempt to rehabilitate and restore the original ecosystem. To complete his environmental credentials, Francis lives with his family in a zoological menagerie made up of two gold fish, two budgies, three chooks and a rather plump cat named Pantoufa.

For catering purposes RSVP: September 30th

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