

Jesuit Province

Caring for our Common Home

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Biodiversity

Manresa: Part of Pollinator Plan, created meadow, protection of mature trees. **Milltown:** Herbs in planters for kitchen, possibly developing water garden. **Gardiner Street church:** pollinator plants in planters. **Schools:** Work through Green Schools (planted native hedges, trees and pollinator patches, urban farms, hives. **Galway:** bug hotels, swift boxes. **ACRE:** planting tiny forest, facilitated making a community bug hotel.

Energy

Gardiner Street: retrofitting church and community house. **Milltown complex:** geothermal heating in Cherryfield, replacement of inefficient lift. **Manresa:** Heat exchange unit, new efficient boiler, thermostatic controls on radiators **Schools:** solar panels in some schools. **Energy efficient lighting:** used across the Province. **New infrastructure:** high efficiency requirements eg houses in Galway/future archive building.

Spirituality

Gardiner Street: Inclusion of Caring for our Common Home in Novenas, weekly prayer of faithful for Common Home. **Manresa:** Inclusion of nature in retreat programme. **Publications:** There has been some important work done in the Province in terms of Caring for our Common Home publications including books from Fr Brian Grogan, publications from the Messenger and JCFJ

Waste / Recycling

Recycling: widespread recycling happening across the Province. **Manresa:** Avoidance of single use packaging, reduction of packaging by buying cleaning chemicals in bulk concentrate. **Schools:** Working to reduce food and plastic waste, swap shop to reduce clothes waste. **Gardiner Street:** Swapped plastic to completely wax candles.

Community engagement

ACRE: working specifically with marginalised communities. **Gardiner Street:** parish member of Eco-Congregation, Primary school students use garden during break time. **Schools -** Fridays for Future, Connected Classrooms, clean up projects, clothes drive for SVP

Food

Manresa: Vegetarian options available for retreatants and communities, sourcing Irish food to reduce air miles. **Spring in Portadown:** raised beds for vegetable growing. **Belvedere:** Urban farm on roof using hydroponics systems.

Chemicals

Manresa: Ecolab cleaning products. **Schools:** Tend to use eco friendly cleaning products.

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An extensive ecological audit, proposed during the consultation process, will be used to continuously update this information. Contact ecology@jcfj.ie if you would like to share more 'Caring for our common Home' actions with the Province