

A Parish Recycling Initiative Story

After Ōtari Parish had its Laudato Si' Programme in Lent 2020 the JPD group wanted to provide a way that Parishioners could share ideas for sustainability in their every day lives. During a Parish Breakfast a brainstorm sheet of paper was put up in the Parish lounge and people were invited to write any ideas down. These were shared in a Parish Newsletter.

One of the ideas was to visit the Sustainability Trust Website and explore other things that can be recycled besides the usual Kerbside recycling waste.

<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-recycling-programmes>

From this came the idea to place labelled boxes in the St Thomas More Church Foyer where people could place their small items for the Sustainability Trust.

- Metal bottle caps, beer, wine and drinks
- Lids for glass jars and plastic lids. (must be clean and dry) Remove waxy paper insert
- Plastic drink bottle lids any colour and milk bottle lids
- Oral care products: toothpaste tubes and caps brushes and packaging, floss containers and mouth wash bottles.
- Razors, blades, razor holders/shower mount, disposable units cartridges and handles, replaceable-blade cartridge units, rigid and flexible plastic packaging.
- Bicycles and expired Child Car seats

When these become full one of the JPD members who travels near the Sustainability Trust for work drops them in. People appreciate the opportunity to recycle items they were previously sending to the landfill. They feel better that they are going to a place that knows where to send them to recycle them properly. Every small action helps reduce our Carbon Footprint. You may want to take up this idea in your Parish or work place.



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Our Recycling Programmes

Got e-waste, old bicycles, child booster seats, plastic bottle tops, metal lids, small metal items, used stationery and/or dental care products, wool, Bata gumboots or Little Yellow Bird clothing items?

**Don't send them to landfill, bring them to us.
We'll make sure they're recycled the right way**