



Environmental case studies - Europe



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Strategic engagement

Catholic churches and schools sign major British Gas renewables deal

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The Catholic Church has signed one of the UK's largest green energy contracts, which has seen more than 4,500 churches and schools switch to renewable gas and electricity supplied by British Gas.



British Gas has agreed a deal with the Catholic Church's energy procurement group, Inter-diocesan Fuel Management (IFM), which covers 2,800 churches from 20 of the 22 Catholic dioceses in England and Wales, and 2,200 schools, community centres and care homes.

The volume of green gas and electricity supplied by British Gas Business is equivalent to supplying the annual needs of more than 20,000 UK households, removing 32ktCO₂e of emissions annually – equivalent to taking more than 21,000 cars off the road. (<https://www.edie.net/news/10/Catholic-churches-and-schools-sign-major-British-Gas-renewables-deal/>)

Programmatic
engagement

PLASTIC FREE SCHOOLS SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE



Step One - Waste Audit

This is where a days waste is collected from the school, which allows the children to see and learn about what they are throwing away.

[Learn More](#)



Step Two - Plastic Education

This is a quick overview of the impact of plastic on the environment, for the children to understand the impacts of certain plastics and the future impacts of pollution on our seas. [Learn More](#)



Step Three - Using the waste

An art project is used to engage the children in an art project, where they can see how single use plastics don't have to end up in the sea, but instead be used for creative work.

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Tactical engagement

Roman Catholic Church of St Mary

Hampstead Parish, London, UK



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[52 Tips for a Greener Life](#)

This link contains all the CAFOD material & resources for *Laudato Si*,

[CAFOD – Encyclical](#)

News

Sacramental Preparation

Parish Groups

St Mary's Parish Social Justice Groups and I&D

Mass Times

Saturday

6.30pm: Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday

8.30am: Mass

10.00am: Family Mass

11.30am: Solemn Mass



52 Tips to make life Greener

We all want to care for the planet, but can't do everything at once. Here are a few tips to think about. Some can be done today, some this month, and some are not for you. But if you are considering them, and are doing a few of them, you have made a start. Many save money. Everyone can do something!

- Lights Out** - Turn the lights off when you leave the room. It is a myth that they use more energy to start back up. A fluorescent light bulb left on for 15 minutes uses 500 times more energy than it would if switched off when not needed. And don't forget to use the low energy lightbulbs!
- Put carrier bags to good use** - If you have plenty of old plastic carrier bags, use them as bin liners, drainage systems at the bottom of plant pots and hanging baskets, or instead of bubble wrap when packing. See if your local charity shops would like any surplus bags, and get into the habit of taking a re-useable bag next time you go shopping, to avoid picking up more carriers.
- Are you a bookworm?** - Instead of buying new books, start a book-sharing club with friends and colleagues. Sharing books saves resources and money, and can improve your social life!
- It's bananas** - To clean leather shoes, rub with banana peel (the inside of the peel), then wipe and buff with a cloth.
- Do you need to buy it?** - It is almost always better to use something that you already have than to buy something new, even if it's a book!
- Join a car club** - This means sharing a car, so you only pay when you need it. Or form a car pool at work.
- Lift Share** - Go on line and ask for/offer a lift: the passenger pays something towards fuel costs, while the driver saves. The major car-sharing organisations perform identity checks and provide security guidelines.
- Avoid the School Run!** - Send your kids to school on a "Walking bus", if the school has one. It has one adult at the front, the "driver", and one at the back. It follows a set route to school each morning, and your kids can hop on it as it passes. If there isn't one, get a Starter Pack from www.goodgifts.org for £15.
- Green your Home** - Insulate your home. Double glazing, cavity wall insulation, lagging pipes use less energy. Some of this may be expensive, but you may be eligible for council grants. Try www.est.org.uk/myhome.gid Saving Trust's grant search at
- In the kitchen** - Do without paper towels and use cloths.
- Unblock a drain:** - Bicarbonate of soda and vinegar do less damage than caustic soda.
- In the bathroom** - Clean the bath without commercial cleaners, use 4 teaspoons bicarbonate of soda (baking soda), 8 of white vinegar and half a lemon and scrub away. To clean the toilet, use half the quantity of toilet cleaner for the week, and just scrub every morning without cleaner. Put a save-a-flush in your loo. By using a water saving sack you save a litre of water every time you flush. From: www.save-a-flush.co.uk (£1.41). Or use a Hippo Water Saver (£6.99 for three from www.hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk)
- Switch your finances** - Choose an ethical provider. The