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Centre for Peace Ecology and Justice

## March 7<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday in Lent

### Growing a Culture of Peace

#### 2. Protect Creation

**Reflection:** *“He went to look for fruit on (the fig tree), but did not find any”* Luke 13:7  
God’s gifts are life-giving, intended to multiply and grow. We are all human – we can forget about God and seek other gods – power, money, possessions. Lent is a time to turn back to the Gospel and be life-giving. The earth on which all life depends is being abused. Let us turn back to celebrating and protecting creation.

**Fact File:** It is the year of Biodiversity. Australia supports almost 10 per cent of the biological diversity on earth. In 200 years it has the largest documented decline mainly due to human activities: exploitation, habitat loss and climate change.

([www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/index.html))

**Action:** Participate in the Bush Blitz to catalogue species in your garden.

[www.bushblitz.org.au/](http://www.bushblitz.org.au/)

Organise a school, parish or neighbourhood involvement in Earth Hour, March 27<sup>th</sup>

[www.earthhour.org.au/](http://www.earthhour.org.au/)

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