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Dear friends,

As we mentioned in the last ACSJC Briefing, the Social Justice Statement for 2014–2015 deals with the subject of sports. The Statement, entitled, *A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in this sporting nation*, acknowledges the vital role that sport plays in the health of individuals, the life of communities and the functioning of Australian society.

I think it would be thoroughly understandable for anyone, on hearing of the subject of Social Justice Sunday 2014, to ask ‘What has sport got to do with social justice?’ Indeed, this is a question the Bishops have considered in depth as they have prepared their national statement. It is also a question that has been the basis of consultations with many volunteers and professionals the bishops have been consulting – sportspeople, sports scientists, administrators, educators and community representatives.

The fact is that sport has a lot to do with social justice. Sport is one of a range of social institutions that helps to realise the human need for socialisation and foster communal initiative and responsibility. It can have a transforming power in society – bringing the community together for the common good and, in particular, it can be a means of showing a special concern for the poor and vulnerable.

Clearly, the three significant attributes of sports – developing the individual, building common good and community, and fostering solidarity with the marginalised – can be so easily undermined by interests characterised by hyper-competitiveness, greed and crime.

As Pope John Paul II said of sport in an address to an international delegation of athletes in 2000:

‘It can be a vehicle of high human and spiritual ideals when it is practiced with full respect for its rules; but it can also fail in its true aim when it leaves room for other interests that ignore the centrality of the human person.’

Pope John Paul went on:



‘Unfortunately there are many signs, and perhaps they are becoming more evident, of a malaise that sometimes calls into question even the ethical values that are at the basis of athletic activity. In addition to a sport that helps people, there is another that harms them; in addition to a sport that enhances the body, there is another that degrades it and betrays it; in addition to a sport that pursues noble ideals, there is another that looks only for profit; in addition to a sport that unites, there is another that divides.’ [[LINK](#)]

And Pope Francis has also spoken regularly about the importance of sport in modern society and some of the key challenges facing individual players, sporting codes and the broader community. On 2 May this year, he addressed Italian soccer teams, saying that the game ‘is a social event and it demands social responsibility on the part of football players both on and off the field as well as from the national and local managers.’ He said, ‘Today football also operates within the world of business, marketing, television, etc. But the economic aspect must not prevail over that of the sport; it risks contaminating everything on the international, national, and even local level. Therefore, those at the top must react in a positive way, by restoring athletic dignity to these events’. [[LINK](#)]

It is clear that the Church has a lot to say about sport, and shares a concern with all of society when the key attributes and contributions of sports are undermined or inverted.

In this year’s Social Justice Statement, the Catholic Bishops of Australia highlight the three key values of sport and three corresponding challenges.

Sport is part of the holistic development of the individual

Sport and recreation is an essential part of a child’s upbringing and for the health and well-being of the individual throughout life. The lessons learnt early set us up for life – playing within the rules, aspiring to our ‘personal best’, team-playing, coping with disappointment and even humiliation.

The bishops say:

‘As Christians, we know that there is a spiritual aspect, too, that is the foundation of our growth. Being created in the image and likeness of God is fundamental to our humanity: our bodies are intrinsic to our identity and the physical joy of movement and using skills is a precious God-given gift.’

One of the key challenges to the role of sport in building up the person is a hyper-competitiveness that can push individuals and teams beyond fair play and the enjoyment of the game and undermine the integrity of sport.

The Bishops express concern that a ‘win at all costs’ mentality is creeping into amateur sport, with young people particularly susceptible to pressures to perform, to play while injured, to bend the rules and move beyond the spirit of the game. The increasing use of performance- and image-enhancing drugs carries huge risks in terms of the health of the individual, the integrity of sporting codes and events, as well as the broader issues of crime and corruption in society.

Sport as a community builder



Sport is a ‘social glue’, providing a communal space – a commons for the expression of shared identity, loyalty and healthy competition. The bishops point out the breadth of community involvement:

‘Sport is about more than the players or particular sporting events. Think of all of the volunteers involved in supporting local teams: parents, teachers, coaches, committee members, referees, administrators, scorers and time keepers, fundraisers, caterers and many others.’

Sport can help build up a community from scratch. It can carry communities through times of hardship. It can help rebuild communities after natural disasters, through poverty and following wars and violence.

It is a tragedy, therefore, when the noble features of this social institution are reduced to mere economic valuation. The marketisation of sport can act to take sports away from the people. At its worst, this economic interest can expose sports to crime. The Bishops have identified this as a global problem:

‘Organised criminal syndicates involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, match-fixing and fraud are targeting players, coaches, officials and support staff. Professional sports and sports clubs are vulnerable to the infiltration of criminal elements through sponsorships and other business relationships.’

Sport builds bridges for social inclusion

More than building up community, sport has an important role that reaches further to bring marginalised groups into the heart of the community. This is what we would call the ‘preferential option for the poor’.

It could be the promotion of sport to tackle obesity, the running of events to foster community harmony and the inclusion of vulnerable groups, or initiatives for peace which reintegrate ex-combatants and create a space for truth and reconciliation. All of these reveal the role of sport as a key social institution.

‘Put simply, sport is good for us as people. But it really comes into its own when it bridges divides and draws people together.’

The bishops highlight some of the key challenges to this ‘social inclusion’ aspect of sport. Among these challenges are: the exclusion caused by high costs of participation; less support for women’s sports; and the racism and sexism that still occurs among players and spectators despite a greater awareness that such behaviour is unacceptable.

In their statement, the bishops urge us, as people of faith, to recognise the transformative power of sport for all, particularly the most vulnerable, and to treasure and safeguard sport from those forces that undermine its integrity.

Please help us to spread the word.

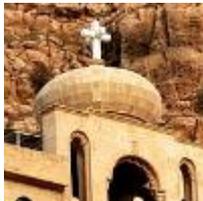


Social Justice Sunday falls on 28 September. The 2014–15 Statement, *A Crown for Australia*, will be accompanied by prayer cards, a ‘ten steps’ leaflet, and a PowerPoint presentation that can be downloaded from the ACSJC website.

Any assistance you can give in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and the bishops’ Statement would be greatly appreciated. In addition to your parish communities and social justice networks, please pass on this message to people you know who love their sport, and to Personal Development, Health and Physical Education co-ordinators and teachers at your local schools.

Visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council [website](#) for order forms and details about Social Justice Sunday.

John Ferguson



Current Issues/Resources August 2014

TWITTER CAMPAIGN: CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE MOBILIZE FOR IRAQI CHURCH: #WEAREN

(Vatican Radio) ‘We need more than words now, we need concrete actions, we need the solidarity of Christians worldwide, not to be afraid to talk about this tragedy’, says Archbishop Amel Nona of Mosul speaking to Vatican Radio over the phone from Nineveh province, Northern Iraq. As if in response to this plea, over the past 24 hours a campaign has been mounting in the global twitter sphere to stand with Iraqi Christians, under the hashtag #WeAreN: This refers to the Arabic letter ن, or ‘n’, which Islamic State militants have left on some doorways in areas under their control to indicate that the inhabitants are ‘Nazarene’ or Christian. The campaign is uniting Catholics, Orthodox and Protestant as well as people of good will worldwide, in an effort to raise awareness of the religious cleansing underway in Iraq. Read the full story [here](#). Read about Christians in Mosul being forced to flee for their lives in [The Tablet](#).

ACL MEDIA RELEASE: ACL URGES SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANS SUFFERING UNDER IS ‘CONVERT OR DIE’ REGIME

ACL Managing Director Lyle Shelton said while it was understandable that political leaders had their focus elsewhere, he urged them not to forget the plight of Christians who were being forced to convert to Islam, pay a protection tax, or face death. ‘The Christians being persecuted in places like Mosul have been there for nearly 2000 years and are considered indigenous peoples to the area.’ Reports of Christian houses and possessions being marked with the Arabic letter N for Nasrani or Nazarene, had chilling echoes of the holocaust. Read the [media release](#).

A petition is being circulated urging the Australian Government to raise the plight of persecuted Christians at the G20 Summit in Brisbane and at the UN Security Council, where Australia is a non-permanent member. You can sign the petition [here](#).



APAN MEDIA RELEASE: STOP THE BOMBING OF GAZA

The Australia Palestine Advocacy Network (APAN) strongly condemns Israel's unprovoked and ongoing assault on the Gaza Strip and calls for the implementation of an immediate ceasefire. APAN calls upon all Australians who support human rights to join in international protests against Israel's attack on Gaza and calls upon the Australian government to act as a force for peace in the Israel-Palestine conflict by demanding an immediate ceasefire. Read the media release [here](#).

VINNIES CAMPAIGN FOR A FAIRER BUDGET

The St Vincent de Paul Society has grave concerns that people already experiencing disadvantage will be pushed further into poverty by measures included in the recent federal Budget. Vinnies believes this is a deeply unfair budget that requires the heavy lifting to be done by those who have the least capacity to do so. You can sign their petition and send a message to the government [here](#).

REPORT: 'PROTECTING THE LONELY CHILDREN'

The Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce has described the Federal Government's treatment of unaccompanied children seeking asylum as 'state-sanctioned child abuse'. In their report titled *Protecting the Lonely Children*, the Taskforce says Australia's treatment of unaccompanied child asylum seekers is a 'sick joke'. They recommend: replacing the Minister for Immigration as guardian of unaccompanied children; stopping the treating unaccompanied children like unwanted cargo; protecting children by conducting an independent review of the claims process; establishing a national policy framework and consistent standards of care; and ending both closed detention and the forced removal of children to offshore facilities. The report can be accessed [here](#).

ASYLUM SEEKERS RESOURCE CENTRE (ASRC) – WHAT YOU CAN DO

With the political environment so hostile to asylum seekers, ASRC have been getting a lot of requests from people asking what they can do to help. One of the best things you can do is to exercise a fundamental democratic right and write to your Federal MP, holding them to account for the measures they are keeping in place in your name. ASRC's patron, Julian Burnside, has observed that many of our Federal politicians do not know the facts about our refugee policy and have not confronted the moral issues it raises. You can find who your relevant MP is [here](#). Most have a contact button next to their names, which will email them through a standard form. Julian suggests that a handwritten letter is more likely to get attention: you can find the address of their local office in the List of Members [here](#). To help you know what to write, there is a one page tip sheet on Julian's [website](#) for how to best get your message through.

NEW PUBLICATION: 'THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR'

Frank Brennan launched *The Preferential Option for the Poor: A Short History and a Reading Based on the Thought of Bernard Lonergan*, by Rohan Curnow at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 11 July 2014. 'I commend Rohan for providing us with a foundational text which allows us the confidence that the preferential option for the poor is no longer an option susceptible to bifurcated interpretation. This option is constitutive for the Church



which is to be poor and for the poor.’ said Frank Brennan of the book. The book can be purchased from [this website](#).

BOOK ON GLOBALISATION LAUNCHED

Rev Dr John Henley launched *A World United or a World Exploited? Christian Perspectives on Globalisation* on 20 June at Yarra Theological Union at Box Hill. The book was a project of the Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy, with some of its board members contributing chapters. It included Stephen Ames writing on the implications of human dignity; Bruce Duncan looking at what leading economists have been saying about the collapse of moral values; John D’Arcy May considered in his chapter the possibility of a ‘world theology’ across religious boundaries; and Rowan Ireland drew from his research on life in the favelas of Brazil, looking at the local [impacts of globalisation](#).

ONLINE RESOURCE: A CATHOLIC SEASON OF CREATION – SUNDAYS OF SEPTEMBER

A Catholic Season of Creation runs during the month of September leading up to the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4. This resource explores the existing Catholic Lectionary to help us remember God’s seamless gift of Life in all Creation and to help grow a better recognition of the natural world. Each of the four Sundays focuses on a particular gift: Forest, Land, Wilderness and Water. This resource has been produced by the Columban Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office. You can download the resource here stcolumbanmissionsociety.cmail2.com/t/r-l-mfplk-l-p/

NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY NETWORK.

NEEN is a national initiative to promote open learning and collaboration amongst faith-based and not-for-profit community organisations to achieve energy savings and a positive energy future. Social services organisations, churches and parishes, kindergartens, aged care organisations, not-for-profit agencies and religious congregations are welcome to register for NEEN. For more information, visit the NEEN [website](#) or the NEEN Facebook [page](#). This includes a number of ideas and opportunities for grants.

BOOK LAUNCH: CLIMATE JUSTICE – A VOICE FOR THE FUTURE

Founded on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, ‘Climate Justice: A Voice for the Future’ by Teresa Thorp, is pending release in August, and will be the first book to proffer an approach to negotiate a global climate accord with legal force. With the trinity at its centre, the book systematically bases its analytical theology on a ‘normative triune’ applicable to our times. This book is an essential read for businesses, civil society, climate justice movements, economists, environmental groups, faith groups, human rights advocates, legal philosophers, negotiators, philanthropists, politicians and all those genuinely interested in reaching consensus on a post-2015 global climate accord, a unified development agenda and a cohesive pact for disaster-risk reduction. [Order a copy](#).

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (ARRCC) CAMPAIGN: GO FOSSIL FREE



Our religious traditions all remind us of our responsibility to care for the earth as a precious gift. If we want to protect life on earth, we must move quickly to renewable energy and leave most of our coal, oil and gas in the ground. Instead, Australia is one of the most carbon-intensive economies in the world. While we all want to see sound public policies implemented more quickly, as an individual we can take effective action now to Go Fossil Free. As members, beneficiaries and customers of institutional investors such as super funds, banks and insurance companies, each of us can play a powerful role in moving Australia's economy out of fossil fuels and into clean energy. Read more [here](#).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Australian Catholic University is now accepting entries for their annual Pixel Prize, a photography contest for year 7 -12 students in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. 'Communities' is the theme this year and students are encouraged to enter up to three photographs that demonstrate how people connect within communities. The deadline for submissions is 9 September 2014. Find out more [here](#).

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WITH PIXAR

Since the release of Toy Story in 1995, Pixar movies have dazzled critics and audiences alike with heart-warming and often hilarious, tales of adventure and discovery. But beyond the fun, these movies deliver thought-provoking life lessons in morality, love, friendship and other facets of the human condition. In [this article](#), Australian Catholics explores the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and what we can learn about them while watching Pixar films.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION INTERIM REPORT

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples tabled its interim report in the House of Representatives. The committee, chaired by Senator Nova Peris and Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt, drew on the work of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians, the appointed group of Indigenous and community leaders who conducted a national public consultation and engagement program in 2011. To read the report and various articles about it, [click here](#).

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress) has given qualified support to the Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. However, Congress emphasises that reform of the Constitution must ultimately receive endorsement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples before going to Referendum. Read the detailed article [here](#).

RECOGNISE RELAY

The Recognise relay set off again on its journey across Australia, relaunching in Cairns today before making its way north across the Atherton Tablelands and up the Cape York Peninsula. The relay gives communities across the nation a chance to be part of the movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia's Constitution – and to ensure there is no place for racial discrimination in it. Find out more about the Journey to Recognition [here](#).



CARITAS AUSTRALIA PETITION FOR FAIR SPORT

Caritas Australia has launched an online petition urging the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to make their events just and sustainable. 'Caritas Australia is asking FIFA and the International Olympic Committee to consider the impact on the poorest and vulnerable. MDF and Caritas are petitioning these two organisations to consider the social impact when choosing the cities for their events.' For more information, and to sign the petition, visit [here](#). Australian Catholics has produced reflection questions and activities for 'Fair play for all' available [here](#).

MEDIA RELEASE: AUSTRALIAN AID AND TRADE WATCHDOGS DENOUNCE PACIFIC FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Independent Australian organisations, the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) and AID/WATCH, Australia's aid monitor, have voiced serious concerns about the PACER-Plus Free Trade Agreement currently being negotiated between Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Countries. Both organisations assert that PACER-Plus will leave Pacific Island Countries disadvantaged, and ignores calls from Pacific Islanders who claim that this agreement is not in their interest. AFTINET Campaigner Jemma Williams said, 'This will reduce their ability to regulate, especially in areas such as foreign investment in land and essential services and will result in the loss of income through tariffs.' AID/WATCH Director Thulsi Narayanasamy said, 'Australia has aggressively pursued this trade agreement despite significant pushback from Pacific Island countries. There is a worrying level of coercion involved when aid is used as a bargaining chip. This is an example of Australia pursuing its interests at the expense of the people of Pacific Island Countries'. [Read](#) the full article.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH NSW

This is part of a national mental health promotion campaign held throughout October each year. The timing of the campaign centres on 10 October, World Mental Health Day. It's never too early to start planning for events in your community to raise awareness of mental health, wellbeing and celebrating the uniqueness that shapes your community. There are free resources available including small grants, posters, postcards, event register, balloons and stress less tips, etc. on the Mental Health NSW [website](#).

2014 ANTI-POVERTY AWARDS

The Anti-Poverty Awards recognise that there are many young Australians who are passionately working towards tackling inequality and injustice both in Australia and abroad. The awards acknowledge and highlight the hard work and dedication of individuals and schools across Australia who demonstrate a deep understanding and compassion of those in need. Applications close 31 August 2014. To nominate a young person between the age of 16 to 30, visit [here](#).





ACSJC Publications August 2014

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2014–2015 – ORDER NOW!

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation'. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form, letter from the President of the Bishops Conference and summary material are available [here](#).

BUILDING BRIDGES

The book, *Building Bridges: Social Justice Statements from Australia's Bishops 1988 to 2013*, brings these Statements together in an attractive and readable format. The publication is fully indexed, making this an exceptional resource for education and research. It offers an invaluable insight into Catholic social teaching brought to life in an Australian context over the past 26 years. This collection is a vital resource for anyone interested in the Church's teaching on justice. It is of special interest to schools and universities and to parish and diocesan groups.

Building Bridges is available from the ACSJC for \$35.00 per copy including postage anywhere in Australia. Order forms are available [here](#).

PASTORAL LETTER – FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2014

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2014 is entitled *Putting People First: The call for an economy of social inclusion*. It is available for download [here](#).

DISCUSSION GUIDE: 2014 WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

The theme for the 47th World Day of Peace Message from Pope Francis is *Fraternity: the Foundation and Pathway to Peace*. In this his first World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis expresses his wish for everyone to live a life filled with joy and hope, in fraternity that helps us 'look upon and treat each person as a true sister or brother'. The ACSJC has prepared a Discussion Guide for the papal message, which is available [here](#).

SERIES PAPER 75 – 'JUSTICE IN THE NAME OF GOD'

Time and again in the Bible we come across the concepts of 'name' and 'word'. People of our time hear and read these concepts so often in Scripture and in the liturgy that it is very easy not to ask what their deeper meaning is. In part, this is because in today's society, 'word' and 'name' do not have the significance they had for the ancient peoples of the Eastern Mediterranean. For them, the name of God went with the idea of justice, and the prophets, in taking up the call to justice, did so in God's name: the two are inseparable. In the Gospel of John, the Incarnation is described in a profound way: the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Author Gerard Moore describes this paper as 'an attempt to revisit the theology of God as a God of justice' and asks: 'Where does justice fit as we contemplate the



nature of God?' This paper surveys the prophets as messengers of God's ideal of justice and shows how this mission culminates in the mission of Jesus himself. Available [here](#).

(Catholic Social Justice Series papers: \$7.50 a copy, including postage)



News Monitor August 2014

[Govt rejects church report on child asylum-seeker treatment](#)

The Australian government rejected a report from church leaders which described its treatment of child asylum-seekers as 'State-sanctioned abuse'.

[Church leaders slam 'State sanctioned child abuse'](#)

A group including Catholic and Anglican church leaders accused the Abbott government of 'State sanctioned child abuse' in the immigration detention system. The leaders from nine Christian denominations (including Vice Chair, CRA's Sr Suzette Clarke, and Peter Arndt, Executive Officer, Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of Brisbane) also called for Immigration Minister, Scott Morrison, to step down from his position as guardian for all unaccompanied minors.

[Service hears of Sr Philomene's passion for social justice](#)

Sister Philomene Tiernan touched so many people – students, family, friends and her fellow religious sisters. More than 600 of those whose lives she helped to shape have attended a memorial Mass for her in Sydney.

[Catholic advocates worried about reduced HIV funding](#)

Catholics gathered in Melbourne for the 20th International AIDS Conference were worried that medical advances against the HIV pandemic were leading to decreased attention and less funding.

[Pope and bank chief speak out for more humane economic system](#)

Pope Francis and the Governor of the Bank of England both stressed that the human person must be at the centre of the global economy.

[Ballarat parish survey reveals desire for bold social change](#)

A recent survey conducted by St Columba's Parish in the diocese of Ballarat found support for the inclusion of homosexuals, gay and lesbian marriage, and couples using alternative means of conceiving.

[JRS slams asylum seeker screening](#)

While an interim High Court injunction temporarily prevented the return of 153 asylum seekers to Sri Lankan authorities, the Jesuit Refugee Service expressed deep concern over revised asylum protocols.



[Rainforest destruction 'a sin of our time:' Pope](#)

Pope Francis called for more respect for nature on Saturday, branding the destruction of South America's rain forests and other forms of environmental exploitation 'a sin of modern times'.

[Canberra's Archbishop backs cleaners in wage battle](#)

Canberra-Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse called on the Federal government to protect the wage rates of cleaners, describing them as the 'new Aussie battlers'.

- courtesy cathnews.com



Social Justice Diary Aug 2014

August 2014

1	Fri	2010: Convention on Cluster Munitions came into effect
2	Sat	1965: First Indo-Chinese refugees allowed to settle in Australia
3	Sun	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time National Vocation Awareness Week begins
4	Mon	National Homeless Persons Week begins National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
5	Tue	
6	Wed	1945: Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima
7	Thu	
8	Fri	St Mary MacKillop
9	Sat	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 1945: Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki
10	Sun	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



11	Mon	
12	Tue	International Youth Day
13	Wed	
14	Thu	
15	Fri	Assumption of Mary
16	Sat	1975: Wave Hill Station, NT, returned to the Gurindji People
17	Sun	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18	Mon	<p>St Alberto Hurtado SJ:</p> <p>St Alberto Hurtado (1901–1952) was a Chilean priest, writer, educator and social activist. He is patron of Chile, poor people, street children and social workers.</p> <p>READ MORE ↓</p> <p>Vietnam Veterans Day</p>
19	Tue	<p>World Humanitarian Day</p> <p>2007: Beginning of protests led by Buddhist monks in Burma</p>
20	Wed	
21	Thu	
22	Fri	
23	Sat	<p>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition:</p> <p>As we remember this important event, we need to also be aware that other forms of slavery still exist – and they exist in Australia. One form of the modern-day slave trade is human trafficking.</p> <p>READ MORE ↓</p>
24	Sun	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



25	Mon	
26	Tue	2001: MV Tampa rescues 433 asylum seekers from a sinking vessel. Australian Government sends troops to prevent disembarkation.
27	Wed	<p>1999: Death of Dom Helder Camara:</p> <p>Born in Fortaleza, Brazil, on 7 February 1909, and ordained priest in August 1931, Dom Helder was made Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, the poorest and least developed region of Brazil, in 1964.</p> <p>READ MORE ↓</p>
28	Thu	
29	Fri	International Day Against Nuclear Tests
30	Sat	International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances
31	Sun	<p>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Refugee and Migrant Sunday</p>

