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### FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is now preparing for the release in September of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Sunday Statement. The Statement, *Violence in Australia: A message of peace*, speaks of the violence that we see in ourselves, in our communities and in our nation, and reminds us of the message of peace that Christ came to bring to us.

In the Gospel of St Matthew, Jesus says:

*You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'...*

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'*

*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ...*

The Statement considers anger and violence in our society from three perspectives: in the individual heart, in our families and communities and on a national scale. It also reminds us that peace and peace-building are more than simply the absence of conflict:

*They are positive, constructive ways of living that require constant nurturing, and that reflect the sacredness that is in the deepest part of our being - the sacredness that is the presence of the God of peace in our world.*

Both anger and the path to peace begin in the individual human heart. Anger is a natural response to loss, frustration and injustice. The Statement also makes the point that anger has roots in our acquisitive culture, which encourages us to believe that we should desire material things, with the result that we can feel angry and alienated when our material expectations are not met. Modern society also promotes the message that we should be strong, individualistic and competitive and that people can be divided into winners and losers. But for every winner there is a loser, frustrated, disempowered and angry.

The home can be the place where we learn about peace and peacemaking, yet at times it can also be the place where terrible violence takes place. Looking at the wider community, we are well aware of reports of road rage, of violence exacerbated by drugs or alcohol, or attacks on strangers - often vulnerable or marginalised people.

We Australians also need to acknowledge the legacy of violence in our own history: our convict past; the violent dispossession of Indigenous people; instances of racism. In our own time we can think of the language of antagonism and confrontation in the media and in parliament, and of the demonisation of groups such as asylum seekers.

Yet our faith teaches us that peace triumphs over violence. Jesus Christ brings us a peace the world cannot give. The example of Jesus as peace-maker is everywhere: his command that we welcome children into our midst; that we walk two miles with those who force us to walk one; that we love our enemies. He seeks out the marginalised and the rejected

and makes even the hated Samaritans part of his story. He becomes the victim of the worst violence that Roman society can perpetrate, but triumphs over death and turns the ultimate defeat into the ultimate victory. Inspired by his resurrection, his disciples embark on a mission to bring the Good News that changed the world utterly. There are so many who have answered the call and followed the path of Christ in working for peace.

This Social Justice Sunday, we will be asked to reflect how we can respond in concrete ways to the Gospel's call for peace in Australia

today. The Statement asks a series of questions about how we can work for peace at all levels - as individuals, as members of the community and as citizens of the nation.

Visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website for order forms and details about Social Justice Sunday: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>.

Social Justice Sunday occurs on 26 September. Any assistance in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and the Bishops' Statement would be greatly appreciated.



## Current Issues / Resources

### 2010 FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCES

The ACSJC has produced a leaflet, 'A Vote for Social Justice' which highlights some key justice issues this federal election. The leaflet aims to help you think about some issues that will be decided in this election and offers some questions that could be raised with all candidates in your electorate. Issues are discussed under the headings 'Fostering true partnership', 'Making ends meet', 'A place to call home', 'Welcoming the stranger' and 'Care for the environment'. The leaflet is available for download on the ACSJC website. (refer: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>)

Other pre-election material:

NetAct and Conference of Religious Institutes (NSW) material: <http://www.clrinsw.org/events/election.html>

Commentary from Social Policy Connections at: <http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/>

### MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK: 23 - 29 AUGUST

The theme for Migrant & Refugee Week is 'Minor Migrants & Refugees'. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has issued a resource kit entitled: 'I Was a Stranger Until You Welcomed Me'. The kit takes the form of an educational resource primarily, but not exclusively, for children. The first six days of the week (Monday to Saturday)

are each assigned a theme related to migrants and refugees and these are accompanied by a relevant scripture, educational information, activities and thoughts for reflection. Bishop Joseph Grech says, 'Special pastoral concern needs to be given to those children who emigrate because of war, ethnic or religious conflicts and economic necessities and children who are kept in refugees' detention centres ... Children often become the target of shameful exploitation.

It is necessary to undertake and promote the welfare of all of them ... Pastoral concern urges us to implement initiatives with the aim to educate the community on the reality of minor migrants and refugees present in our communities, in detention camps and throughout Australia.'

The resource can be accessed at the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

### REFUGEE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA REPORTS

The RCOA has released three new reports on refugee settlement issues, which draw together the findings of research conducted by RCOA over the past two years. The reports focus on employment strategies for refugee and humanitarian entrants, post-compulsory education and training pathways for young people from refugee backgrounds and the role of sport in assisting refugee settlement. These

and other reports are available for download from the RCOA website at: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/reports.html>

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP**

The Office for the Participation of Women in collaboration with Australian Catholic University has announced the fourth Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship, which will run between January and May 2011 in Canberra. The program aims to enhance the participation of young women in the Catholic Church, and foster both academic and faith formation for future female Church leaders. The fellowship is a live-in experience which includes academic, theological and spiritual formation components. All accommodation, food and tuition are covered as part of this program, which is sponsored by some religious orders, Catholic agencies and foundations. Applications are open from now until 8 October 2010 for young Catholic women from mid-20's to mid-30's who are passionate about the involvement of women in Church. The flyer, application form and referee form are now available for download at: [www.opw.catholic.org.au](http://www.opw.catholic.org.au). Call 0408 357 811 for further details.

### **MISSION AUSTRALIA REPORTS**

Mission Australia recently released two new reports: 'Insights into the concerns of young Australians' and 'Hearing directly from vulnerable young Australians'. The first publication explores the concerns of young people, drawing on the numerical data collected as well as the direct comments made by young people. The second report provides insights on the nature of young peoples' concerns and what can be done, particularly in the areas of drug and alcohol education, early intervention to support families, mental health, bullying, body image and community safety. To download, visit: <http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/downloads/national-survey-of-young-australians/219-2009>

### **2010 HUMAN RIGHTS MEDALS AND AWARDS**

The Australian Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for men and women and organisations committed to issues of human rights, social justice and equality through the annual Human Rights Medals and Awards. Award categories include: Law, Community

(Organisation), Community (Individual), Literature (non-fiction), Print Media, Television and Radio. The AHRC website has details on how to enter and where to buy tickets to the awards ceremony on Friday 10 December. Nominations close at 5pm on Monday, 4 October, 2010. Visit: [http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr\\_awards/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards/index.html)

### **ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: 17 - 23 OCTOBER**

Anti-Poverty Week focuses on poverty around the world, including Australia. Its main aims are to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship and encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems. Last year, at least 1,000 organisations and more than 10,000 people were involved around the country. Everyone is welcome to organise activities or join in something being organised by other people. The activities can be large or small, and activities at local levels are especially welcome. The website [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au) includes basic fact sheets, promotional material, a calendar of activities and links to other sources of info and ideas.

### **RESOURCE - 'A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF MARY MACKILLOP'**

A user-friendly and authoritative resource for leaders of group sessions on the life and spirituality of Blessed Mary MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph have developed a Leader's Pack which has information sheets and handouts for 90-minute sessions on aspects of Mary MacKillops life and ministry. The Kit costs \$25 and is available from the Sisters of St Joseph Canonisation Office, 9 Mount Street, North Sydney - email: [jenny.foggiato@sosj.org.au](mailto:jenny.foggiato@sosj.org.au)

Also visit the 'journey to canonisation' webpage to keep in touch and subscribe to the 'Canonisation E-newsletter' (refer: <http://www.marymackillop.org.au/canonisation/landing.cfm?loadref=61>)

### **ANNUAL TOUR - 'CYCLE AGAINST THE TRAFFIK'**

The Cycle Against The Traffik TOUR 2010, from Sydney to Melbourne (3 - 18 September) aims to spread awareness in the towns along the tour route about slavery and human trafficking

and involve as many people as possible in the ongoing fight to eradicate slavery in our world. The organisers have chosen a shelter in Malaysia run by the community organisation Tenaganita to receive any funds raised by the ride. The shelter helps support women who formerly have been trafficked and held as slaves. To find out more about the tour and how you can support or participate, visit: <http://www.cycleagainstthetraffik.com/>

### **RESOURCE - 'RESURRECTING THE US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT'**

The Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) has launched a community education leaflet about the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). The TPPA brings back all of the issues that were debated when the Howard Government entered the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement. Issues like the undermining of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, loss of local content in Australian media, allowing international corporations to

sue governments etc. To find out more and to download the leaflet, visit: <http://aftinet.org.au/cms/>

### **YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS APPEAL**

As a student-run movement, YCS relies heavily on its supporters to make donations towards the sustainability and everyday workings of the movement. The financial support they receive allows them to pay for the resources needed to continue to develop active Christian leaders. Funds donated will go towards supporting the leadership development and reflection around the YCS National Campaign focusing on Fair Trade. You can make an online donation. The online donations service is totally secure and ensures that 100 per cent of the donation goes straight to YCS. To make a donation visit: <http://www.givenow.com.au/aycs>. Alternatively, contact YCS on 0412 529 656 or [coordinator@aycs.org.au](mailto:coordinator@aycs.org.au) to get information about how to donate through other means.

## **Latest Publications**

*(Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the ACSJC website [that can be faxed to (02) 8306 3498]: [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf))*

### **2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - ORDER NOW!**

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form and other information/resources are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

### **2010 FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCE - 'A VOTE FOR JUSTICE'**

Leaflet is available for download on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

### **SERIES PAPER - 'MERCY AND JUSTICE EMBRACE'**

Sr Marie Farrell RSM considers the vast range of people and organisations working for justice in

today's Church in Australia. Together, she says, they make up a mosaic of social justice. Her search leads to the mystery of the Eucharist, the symbol of God's bond with humanity. This paper is a meditation on Christ's call to justice and the mystery of the gift of the Eucharist. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

### **PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2010**

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2010 is entitled 'Australia at the Crossroads: A time to set new rules'. It is available for download in regular and 'three-column' versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

### **SERIES PAPER - 'WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA'**

Catholic Social Justice Series paper No. 67 is a collection essays by women engaged in wide-ranging areas of Church life. The collection of eight papers include: 'Where would the churches be without women?' by Kimberly Davis and Helen Mary Peters RSM; 'Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus - A Retrospective'

by Sonia Wagner SGS; 'What was it like then? Challenges and achievements' by Therese Vassarotti; 'Australian women in the life of the Church in 2010', by Tricia Walsh; 'The inaugural Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship' by Beth Doherty; 'Female lay ministry: My experience as a lay parish pastoral director' by Kari Hatherell; 'Being 'invisible': Women in the Church and the world' by Geraldine Hawkes; and 'Women: Key leaders in the cause of social justice' by Sandie Cornish. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

#### **DISCUSSION GUIDE - WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 2010**

The ACSJC discussion guide on Pope Benedict XVI's World Day of Peace Message consists of a

brief overview of the message, some points for reflection and prayer. This is an ideal resource for schools and social justice discussion groups. It can be downloaded in pdf or word formats from the ACSJC homepage: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

*(Catholic Social Justice Series papers: \$6.60 a copy, plus postage. Postage rates for Catholic Social Justice Series Papers: 1 copy \$1; 2 copies \$1.45; 3-5 copies \$2.45)*

Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499, fax (02) 8306 3489 or download an order form from the ACSJC website: [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf)

## **This Month's Notices**

**UNTIL 15 AUGUST. TJANPI DESERT WEAVERS EXHIBITION: 'KURU ALALA - EYES OPEN' (QLD).** This is an exhibition of large scale sculptural works, mostly weavings of desert Tjanpi grasses and rattan. These were made in response to a series of workshops and residencies held in the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands of Central Australia. 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, The Cultural Centre, Flinders Street East, Townsville. Contact: 08 8958 2377 or [tjanpi@npwyc.org.au](mailto:tjanpi@npwyc.org.au). Web: <http://www.gfcomms.com.au/tjanpi/Exhibitions/Exhibitions/2010/tabid/322/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

**UNTIL 18 AUGUST. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD' (ACT).** Caritas Australia and AusAID are exhibiting this display around Australia. It highlights the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of world Governments to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. Video, photographs, visual installation as well as contributions (such as posters, baskets, school books, readers) from Caritas partner communities make up the installation. No cost. Old Parliament House, Canberra. Contact: 02 8306 3490, [siobhanj@caritas.org.au](mailto:siobhanj@caritas.org.au), [alexandrae@caritas.org.au](mailto:alexandrae@caritas.org.au) or 02 8306 3456.

Web: <http://www.caritas.org.au/blueprint/Venues/index.html>.

**UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER. KURDS IN AUSTRALIA EXHIBITION: 'SURVIVAL OF A CULTURE' (VIC).** This exhibition explores how the Kurdish culture has survived through adversity, invasion, and division of the Kurds' traditional lands. It examines the traditions at the core of the Kurdish culture that have enabled it to survive, and which Kurds proudly maintain in Australia today. A variety of objects will be on display, including traditional costumes, instruments, hand-woven crafts and pewter wear. Cost: \$8, concession free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 13 11 02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/>.

**UNTIL 19 SEPTEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'AUSTRALIA'S MUSLIM CAMELEERS' (VIC).** This exhibition reveals the remarkable contribution which Australia's first Muslim community, from Afghanistan and British India, made to the exploration and settlement of Australia's arid interior. These Muslim pioneers provided the lifeblood for many inland settlements, isolated stations and mines, and forged communication

routes through remote Australia. Cost: \$8, concession free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 13 11 02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum>.

**1 AUGUST. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: 'ABRAHAMIC FAITHS, CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY AND THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY' (NSW).** The Jewish keynote speaker will be Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence; the Christian respondent, Professor Neil Ormerod, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University; and Muslim respondent, Dr Salim Yucel, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University. Cost: \$20, concession \$10. 4.00 to 7.00 pm, Isabel Menton Theatre, Mary Mackillop Place, 11 Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 9702 0789 or [registrations@affinity.org.au](mailto:registrations@affinity.org.au). Web: [http://www.sydneytalks.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_events&task=search&Itemid=25&keyword=ormerod](http://www.sydneytalks.com.au/index.php?option=com_events&task=search&Itemid=25&keyword=ormerod).

**1 AUGUST. FUNDRAISER: 'DISABILITY ROCKS' (NSW).** Support change for Australians with disability, their families and carers at a great afternoon of jazz, blues and dance. Featuring Jim Conway's Big Wheel, The James Valentine Quartet, Studio Artes dance troupe and singers. Speakers: The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Senator Mitch Fifield, Ian Cohen MLC, Kelly Vincent MLC, Marylou Carter, Bill Moss AM, MC: James Valentine. Cost: \$28. 3.00 pm, Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre, Chippendale. Contact: 02 9351 7940. Web: <http://sydney.edu.au/seymour/>.

**1 AUGUST. AUSTRALIAN NETWORK TO BAN LANDMINES PHOTO EXHIBITION: 'DEADLY LEGACY' (VIC).** The exhibition focuses on the impacts of cluster munitions and coincides with the coming into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The photos are by internationally renowned photo-journalist, John Rodsted. 12.00 to 5.00 pm, Waratah Room, St Michael's Uniting Church, Administration Building (at the rear of the church), 120 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: [lorelt@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lorelt@optusnet.com.au). Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/index.html>.

**2 AUGUST. SYDNEY DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE SEMINAR: 'CIVIL SOCIETY - A DEVELOPMENT**

**PERSPECTIVE' (NSW).** This will be a dynamic evening of lively dialogue, with informed commentary from Emeritus Professor Stephen Hill, former UNESCO Regional Director. A range of issues will be discussed including social inclusion, community relations/engagement and systemic reform, from diverse international development perspectives. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, UTS Building 10, Level 4, Seminar Room 470, 235 Jones Street, Ultimo. Contact: 0414 905 290 or [snoopyk75@hotmail.com](mailto:snoopyk75@hotmail.com). Web: <http://sdc.groupsie.com/calendar/event/2010/8/2/170581>.

**2 AUGUST. PAX CHRISTI: 'A CONVERSATION: RAMADAN, ELUL AND MARY MAGDALENE' (VIC).** Jewish, Christian, Muslim Association (JCMA) Women hold regular conversations in which members of three faiths get together informally to get to know each other better and to learn about each other's faith traditions. Speakers: Rev. Dr Coralie Ling, retired Uniting Church Minister; Samar Mougharbel, Coordinator, Springvale Neighbourhood House; Tania Grunfeld, Psychologist and Modern Orthodox Jew. Cost: gold coin donation. 7.45 to 10.15 pm, Springvale Neighbourhood House, 46-50 Queens Avenue, Springvale. Contact: [pax@paxchristi.org.au](mailto:pax@paxchristi.org.au). Web: <http://www.paxchristi.org.au/plugins/events.cgi?all=1&num=10>.

**2 AUGUST. WINTER BOOK DISCUSSION: 'THE OTHER HAND' (TAS).** Winter book discussions will be held as one-off sessions on the first Mondays of July and August. This novel by Chris Cleave, sold in the US under the title of 'Honeybee', relates the life of a refugee. Cost: donation. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Emmanuel Spirituality Centre, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah. Contact: 03 6245 0494. Web: <http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

**2 AUGUST. HOMELESS PERSONS WEEK PUBLIC FORUM: 'HUMAN RIGHTS OR HOMELESS NIGHTS' (NSW).** Launch by: Linda Burney MP. Speakers: Robin Banks and Janet Meagher. Presented by Homelessness NSW and Homeless Persons' Legal Service. 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, Minter Ellison, Level 19, Aurora Place, 88 Phillip Street, Sydney. Contact: [homelessproject@piac.asn.au](mailto:homelessproject@piac.asn.au). Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/49255/451/>.

**2, 5 AUGUST. SIMONE WEIL LECTURES ON HUMAN VALUE: 'TO WHOM MUST WE ANSWER? RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNITY AND CRIMINAL LAW' (NSW, VIC).** The criminal law defines a range of public wrongs, whose perpetrators are held to account by their fellow citizens through the criminal process of trial and punishment: but does the law (and do we) treat offenders as citizens? Speaker: Prof Antony Duff, University of Stirling, Scotland. Introduced by Rai Gaita. Hosted by the School of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University. **2 August:** Cost: \$22, concession \$15. 5.30 for 6.00 pm, Dixon Room, Mitchell Wing, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9273 1770 or [bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au), RSVP essential.

**5 August:** No cost. 6.30 pm, Michael Chamberlin Lecture Theatre, St Vincent's Hospital Function Centre, 27 Victoria Parade (corner Nicholson Street), Fitzroy. Contact: [leonie.martino@acu.edu.au](mailto:leonie.martino@acu.edu.au) or 03 9953 3160. Web: [http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/faculties\\_schools\\_institutes/faculties/theology\\_and\\_philosophy/schools/philosophy/events/the\\_simone\\_weil\\_lectures\\_on\\_human\\_value/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_schools_institutes/faculties/theology_and_philosophy/schools/philosophy/events/the_simone_weil_lectures_on_human_value/).

**3 AUGUST. FORUM: 'MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE, EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS' (NSW).** The Sydney Women's Homelessness Alliance (SWHA) is holding this forum that will bring visibility to women who experience homelessness, and will increase awareness of the issues these women face. Overall it is hoped this forum will enhance collaboration between both specialist homelessness and mainstream services, in preventing, responding to and breaking the cycle of homelessness for women. Cost: \$20-\$30. 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Wesley Conference Centre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9319 7111 or [admin@homelessnessnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@homelessnessnsw.org.au), RSVP by 29 July. Web: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/National%20Homeless%20Persons%20Week.php>.

**4 AUGUST. FILM SCREENING: 'MONSIEUR VINCENT' (NSW).** This is a special screening of the academy award winning film that chronicles the remarkable story of St Vincent de Paul, one of the greatest humanitarians in history. Following the film, a discussion group will meet in the Narellan Community Library

(Redgum Room) for those wishing to attend. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. 9.45am, Narellan United Cinemas, Narellan Town Centre, Narellan. Contact: 02 4627 9299 or [veronica@svdpwgong.org.au](mailto:veronica@svdpwgong.org.au), RSVP by 26 July. Web: <http://www.dow.org.au/news/news-in-brief-59>.

**4 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY ELECTORAL FORUM: LEICHHARDT (QLD).** Every minute 17 children die from preventable causes and every minute counts if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. A Make Poverty History electoral forum helps raise awareness in the community on global poverty and reminds our leaders that 'Every Minute Counts' for those people living in extreme poverty. Speakers: MP Jim Turnour and more. 6.15 to 8.30 pm, Cairns Regional Council, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns. Contact: [miss\\_beatrice@rocketmail.com](mailto:miss_beatrice@rocketmail.com). Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/>.

**4 AUGUST. NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS WEEK: LUNCH WITH MINISTER BURNEY (NSW).** Lunch with the Hon. Linda Burney, MP, Minister for Community Services, Minister for the State Plan. Hear from practitioners working at the coalface of homelessness and find out what works, what doesn't, and how key initiatives around the state are performing across the full spectrum of housing and support services. Speakers: John McMillan, Manager, Homelessness Unit, Housing NSW; Stephanie Brennan, Convener, Nepean Campaign Against Homelessness; Nick Sabel, Executive Officer, Wentworth Community Housing; etc. Cost: \$90-\$120. 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm, Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo Street, Redfern. Contact: 02 6494 7566 or [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org). Web: [http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/register/register\\_event.php?id=498](http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/register/register_event.php?id=498).

**4, 11 AUGUST. DISCUSSION: 'MARY MACKILLOP - DISCIPLE UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS' (NSW).** The Tenison Woods Education Centre, a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar, is holding this event. Mary MacKillop, is the acknowledged model of Christian discipleship under the Southern Cross, and this discussion looks at what it means to walk forward in her tradition.

Speaker: Virginia Bourke rsj. Cost: \$5. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre, MacKillop Parish, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown. Contact: 02 4930 9601 or [twec@ssjl.org.au](mailto:twec@ssjl.org.au), RSVP by 28 July. Web: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/>.

**4, 11, 18, 25 AUGUST, 1, 8 SEPTEMBER. BUILDING BRIDGES SEMINARS (NSW).** This initiative of Reconciliation for Western Sydney provides an opportunity to hear Indigenous and non Indigenous presenters sharing their knowledge, expertise and personal and community experience.

**4 August:** Speakers: Jacinta Tobin, Darug woman; and Melissa Williams, Bundjalung woman, Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement, UWS.

**11 August:** Speakers: Maree Jennings, Project Officer, Circle Sentencing, Attorney General's Department; and Jo Anne Rey, Darug woman, Indigo Voice.

**18 August:** Ray Norris, Adjunct Professor, Dept of Indigenous Studies, Macquarie University, astrophysicist, CSIRO's National Facility; and Colin Watego, Warrant Officer Class One, Defence Force.

**25 August:** Julie Welsh, Gamilaroi woman, Project Officer, World Vision; Tarunna Wilson, Anmatyerre/Pitjantjatjarra woman, mathematics teacher; and Karen Vaughan, Wiradjuri woman, lecturer, University of Technology Sydney.

**1 September:** Speakers: Lola Forester, Yuibera woman, SBS Radio; and Marie Wilson, Yalangi woman, State Manager, Aboriginal Oral Health NSW.

**8 September:** Speaker: Jeff McMullen, former ABC Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners documentary maker, author.

No cost. 7.30 to 9.30 pm, Parramatta Town Hall. Contact: 02 9639 8394 or 0425 250 360. Web: <http://reconciliation4westernsydney.org/>.

**5 AUGUST. DISCUSSION/REFLECTION: 'A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF MARY MACKILLOP - LOVE IN ACTION' (TAS).** These discussions are being held as preparation for the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop on 8 August. 2.30 to 4.00 pm or 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare Street, New Town. Contact: 03 6228 1628 or 0408 312 289. Web:

<http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

**5 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY ELECTORAL FORUM: DEAKIN (VIC).** Every minute 17 children die from preventable causes and every minute counts if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. A Make Poverty History electoral forum helps raise awareness in the community on global poverty and reminds our leaders that 'Every Minute Counts' for those people living in extreme poverty. Speakers: Tim Costello, CEO, World Vision, Chair, Make Poverty History; MP Mike Symon (ALP); Phil Barresi (Liberal); and David Howell (Greens). 6.00 to 7.30 pm, New Hope Baptist Church, 3 Springfield Road, Blackburn North. Contact: 0432 241 194 (BH) or [Jeremy.brennan@worldvision.com.au](mailto:Jeremy.brennan@worldvision.com.au). Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/>.

**5 AUGUST. FILM SCREENING 'MOTHER FISH' (NSW).** This film is by Australian filmmaker, Khoa Do, former refugee and 2005 Young Australian of the Year. Set in 1980, the film tells the story of two teenage sisters, as they flee Vietnam on a boat in search of a safe home. It is of great relevance in view of current boat arrivals and the present debate as to Australia's appropriate response to asylum seekers. Held by Amnesty. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Chauvel Cinema, Paddington Town Hall, Corner Oxford Street and Oatley Road, Paddington. Contact: [aia.esgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aia.esgroup@gmail.com). Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/nsw/event/23333/>.

**5 AUGUST. CONFERENCE: 'EARLY INTERVENTION AND SOCIALLY EXCLUDED YOUNG PEOPLE' (VIC).** Youth Development Australia is holding this conference for anyone working with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, those working across homelessness, substance use, employment, education, mental health, youth justice and child protection/leaving care. Speakers: Associate Professor David MacKenzie, Swinburne University, Institute for Social Research; Major David Eldridge, acting CEO, Homelessness Australia; Deb Tzorbaris, Director, Housing and Sector Development for the Office of Housing; David Murray, CEO, YSAS; etc. Cost: \$110. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm,



Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Melbourne. Contact: [info@yda.org.au](mailto:info@yda.org.au). Web: <http://www.yda.org.au>.

**6 AUGUST. JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE (JRS) FILM SCREENING 'MOTHER FISH' (NSW).**

JRS are screening this film as part of their 30th year anniversary celebrations. The film tells the story of two teenage sisters fleeing Vietnam on a boat in search of a safe home. Since JRS was established as a spiritual and practical response for refugees at that time, including hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese 'boat people', this film has a special relevance in terms of JRS' history. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 7.00 pm, Chauvel Cinema, Paddington Town Hall, Corner Oxford Street and Oatley Road, Paddington. Contact: 02 9356 3888 or [jrsreception@jrs.org.au](mailto:jrsreception@jrs.org.au). Book: <http://www.trybooking.com/GJU>. Web: <http://www.jrs.org.au>.

**6 AUGUST. VIGIL: 'REMEMBER HIROSHIMA, CELEBRATE A NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC' (VIC).**

This year will be the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is also the 25th anniversary of the South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone treaty, which the US has just said they will join. Sponsored by the Medical Association for the Prevention of War. 7.00 to 9.00 am, St Paul's Cathedral, corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne. Contact: 0431 475 465. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au>.

**6 AUGUST. HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY (ACT).**

The Queanbeyan and District People for Peace will hold their annual commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima. The speaker will be Anne Pratt, Queanbeyan's Citizen of the Year. All are welcome. 7.45 to 8.15 am, Queanbeyan Peace Park, Ford Street, East Queanbeyan. Contact: 02 6299 7873. Web: <http://canberra.iprime.com.au/index.php/lifestyle/infonet/infonetdesc/2010-hiroshima-day-commemoration-ceremony,438651>.

**6 AUGUST. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SILENT VIGIL (VIC).**

A silent vigil will be held on the 'concrete lawn', east of Union House. They will hold placards remembering Hiroshima Nagasaki and all victims of nuclear weapons, calling for an end to the weapons. 8.15 to 9.00

am, Melbourne University, Concrete Lawn, East of Union House. Contact: [wesleyc@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:wesleyc@unimelb.edu.au) or 0431 847 278. Web: <http://www.icanw.org/node/5289>.

**6 AUGUST. VIGIL FOR HIROSHIMA DAY**

**(WA).** 65 years after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the event will be urging that a Nuclear Weapons Convention be established to outlaw nuclear weapons forever. This Vigil is being held by People for Nuclear Disarmament. 12 noon to 2.00 pm, corner Hay and William Streets, Perth (outside Wesley Church). Contact: 08 9271 8786. Web: <http://www.icanw.org/node/5289>.

**6 AUGUST. POLITICS IN THE PUB:**

**'POPULATION GROWTH - PROMISE OR THREAT?' (NSW).**

Speakers: Mark O'Connor, author *Overloading Australia*; and James Aarvanitakis, UWS. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or [odl\\_bradley@pacific.net.au](mailto:odl_bradley@pacific.net.au). Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

**6 AUGUST. VIGIL: 'REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA' (VIC).**

This year will be the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is also the 25th anniversary of the South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone treaty, which the US has recently said they will join. This vigil is sponsored by MAPW to commemorate and reflect. No cost. 7.00 am, front of St Paul's Cathedral, corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne. Contact: 0431 475 465, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/remembering-hiroshima-vigil>.

**6 - 8 AUGUST. BE MORE WEEKEND: THEME - WATER (NATIONAL).**

The Be More Weekend is an opportunity for your family, school, parish and community to come together in solidarity and work towards conserving water in Australia and raising awareness on the global issue of access to clean water. The Be More website is full of ideas and resources. Register: <http://www.bemore.org.au/weekend>.

**6 - 10 AUGUST. GARMA FESTIVAL (NT).** The Garma Festival of Traditional Culture is a celebration of the cultural inheritance of the Yolngu people, the Indigenous Aboriginal

Australians of North East Arnhem land. The Garma ceremony has as its purpose the sharing of knowledge and culture, and the opening of hearts to the message of the land at Gulkula. It includes a key forum that will focus on Indigenous Education. Gulkula Festival Site. Contact: 08 8941 2900 or [registration@garmafestival.com.au](mailto:registration@garmafestival.com.au). Web: <http://www.garma.telstra.com/>.

**7 AUGUST. SEMINAR AND DINNER: PALESTINIAN LEADER FROM GAZA (NSW).** The speaker is Constantine Dabbagh, Palestinian Christian, Executive Director, Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees in Gaza. Constantine directs the provision of health care, education and community services which care for the predominantly Muslim population of Gaza.

**Seminar:** 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Uniting Church, Brunner Road, Adamstown.

**Dinner:** 6.30 pm, Greek Community Centre, Steele Street, Hamilton.

Contact: 02 4969 6336, 0431 935 097 or [doug.isabel@bigpond.com](mailto:doug.isabel@bigpond.com). Web: <http://www.nswec.org.au/events.php?id=122&c=-1&PHPSESSID=1c800c55c2e2e3c243935fd4db568c05>.

**7 AUGUST. TASSIE SLEEPOUT (TAS).**

Tasmanians from around the state will unite and sleep out for one evening to help raise funds and awareness for the homeless. Funds raised will be given to Swags for Homeless who give Backpack Beds to the homeless.

7.00 pm to 7.00 am, gates Devonport Aquatic Centre, Steele Street, Davenport. Contact: [tassiesleepout@hotmail.com](mailto:tassiesleepout@hotmail.com). Web: <http://www.tassiesleepout.com/default.aspx>.

**7 AUGUST. PALMS AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP: 'INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERING' (NSW).** This workshop explores the broad dilemmas of cross-cultural development work; discusses how mutual and effective cross-cultural working relationships can be developed; and introduces how Australians can best contribute to development, while avoiding the well-intentioned mistakes of the past. Cost: \$40. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, St James' Parish Hall, 2A Woolley Street, Glebe. Contact: 02 9518 9551

or [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au). Web: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/events/>.

**7 AUGUST. DISCUSSION: 'PUTTING A BREAK ON CLIMATE CHANGE' (NSW).** Join members of the Pacific Calling Partnership to share stories about successful initiatives to raise awareness of what we can do about the effect of climate change on Pacific Islands. Bring something to share for a light lunch. Cost: donation. 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Road, Homebush West. Contact: [jillf@erc.org.au](mailto:jillf@erc.org.au). Web: [http://www.arrcc.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=395:sat-7-aug-2010-sydney-qputting-a-break-on-climate-changeq&catid=36:new-south-wales&Itemid=19](http://www.arrcc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=395:sat-7-aug-2010-sydney-qputting-a-break-on-climate-changeq&catid=36:new-south-wales&Itemid=19).

**8 AUGUST. HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI MEMORIAL CONCERT (VIC).** This concert will bring together a diverse array of inspiring musicians, speakers and citizens of the world in a concert to celebrate peace and enable us to imagine a world without nuclear threat. Performers: Liz Frencham, singer/songwriter; Anne Norman, shakuhachi; Wadaiko Rindo, Japanese drums; etc. Speaker: Dave Sweeney, Australian Conservation Foundation. Supported by Victorian Multicultural Commission. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 3.00 to 5.00 pm, Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne. Contact: [info@jfp.org.au](mailto:info@jfp.org.au). Web: <http://jfp.org.au>.

**8 AUGUST. PALMS AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP: 'CROSS-CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS' (NSW).** This workshop enables understanding of how our own cultural framework influences our behaviours and expectations and provides cues for interacting with people of a different culture. Cost: \$40. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, St James Parish Hall, 2 A Woolley Street, Glebe. Contact: 02 9518 9551 or [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au). Web: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/events/>.

**8 AUGUST. LECTURE: 'IS ANYONE HUNGRY? - HOW AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CAN FEED THE WORLD' (TAS).** This public lecture looks at the potential for agricultural innovation and knowledge to avert a global food crisis as the world's population continues to grow. 1.00

to 1.30 pm, University Centre, University of Tasmania Sandy Bay campus. Contact: [UTAS.events@utas.edu.au](mailto:UTAS.events@utas.edu.au) or 03 6226 2521. Web: <http://www.events.utas.edu.au/events/is-anyone-hungry-how-agricultural-science-can-feed-the-world>.

**8 AUGUST. FUNDRAISING EVENT: CITY2SURF (NSW).** Caritas staff and supporters will band together to take on the 14km City2Surf. Follow the progress of Team Caritas on our blog [www.caritasaustralia.blogspot.com](http://www.caritasaustralia.blogspot.com). Anyone is welcome to join the Caritas Australia team. By collecting donations, you will help raise funds to support Caritas Australia's long-term development projects, which tackle the underlying causes of poverty. Donate: [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/caritas\\_australia\\_city2surf](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/caritas_australia_city2surf).

**9 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY: LA TROBE ELECTORAL FORUM (VIC).** Every minute 17 children in developing countries die of easily preventable diseases. Australia could make a difference by committing just 70 cents of every \$100 in national income to aid (0.7%). Hear how your political representatives and their parties are responding to this important moral issue. Meet the speakers, ask questions and join like-minded people. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, St Margaret's School, 27-47 Gloucester Avenue, Berwick. Contact: 0430 556 082 or [jasmine.zapka@worldvision.com.au](mailto:jasmine.zapka@worldvision.com.au). Web: <http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/Events/NetworkCollaboratorsEvents/OtherEvents/tabid/467/Default.aspx>.

**9 AUGUST. DIVERSITY WEEK LECTURE: 'BATTLING RACE HATRED, DISCRIMINATION AND CONFLICT: A PERSONAL JOURNEY' (VIC).** Professor Gareth Evans will be speaking on this theme, drawing upon his extensive international career. This includes his former position as Australian Foreign Minister and his current roles as Co-Chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and President Emeritus of International Crisis Group. No cost. 6.00 to 7.00 pm, Theatre A, Elisabeth Murdoch Building, University of Melbourne. Contact: 03 8344 0836 or [shanyak@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:shanyak@unimelb.edu.au). Web: [http://melbourneuniv-web.ungerboeck.com/coe/coe\\_p1\\_all.aspx?oc=10&cc=COE&typeid=FL](http://melbourneuniv-web.ungerboeck.com/coe/coe_p1_all.aspx?oc=10&cc=COE&typeid=FL).

**10 AUGUST. EDMUND RICE BUSINESS ETHICS BREAKFAST: 'THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE UNITED NATIONS AND DIVERSITY IN EMPLOYMENT' (NSW).** Come to breakfast with Professor Ron McCallum, Blake Dawson Waldron Professor in Industrial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney and hear his reflections on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how fair work places are diverse work places. Cost: \$40, concession \$25. 7.30 to 9.00 am, Gilbert and Tobin, 2 Park Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 8762 4200 or [busethics@erc.org.au](mailto:busethics@erc.org.au). Web: [http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE\\_user\\_op=view\\_page&PAGE\\_id=104](http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=104).

**10 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY ELECTORAL FORUM: MAKIN (SA).** Every minute 17 children die from preventable causes and every minute counts if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. A Make Poverty History electoral forum helps raise awareness in the community on global poverty and reminds our leaders that 'Every Minute Counts' for those people living in extreme poverty. Speakers: Tony Zappia MP (ALP), Liz Davies (LIB), Jasmine Rose (Greens) and guest speaker Senator Nick Xenophon. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Golden Grove Baptist Church, 95 Wynn Vale Drive, Wynn Vale. Contact: [cordless2007-js@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cordless2007-js@yahoo.com.au). Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/>.

**10 AUGUST. CULTURAL HEALING MASS (ACT).** Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will host a Cultural Healing Mass. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are invited to attend. 5.30 pm, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Contact: 0402 049 650 or 02 6259 7879. Web: [http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/news/view\\_event.cfm?loadref=18&id=786](http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/news/view_event.cfm?loadref=18&id=786).

**10 AUGUST. SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE (SPRC) SEMINAR: 'VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC STRESS, SOCIAL STRESS AND SOCIAL SUPPORT' (NSW).** Speaker: Adjunct Professor Don Weatherburn, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research. No cost. 12.30 to 1.30 pm, Room 250, Robert Webster Building (G14) UNSW Kensington. Contact: 02 9385 7802 or [sprcseminars@unsw.edu.au](mailto:sprcseminars@unsw.edu.au), RSVP by 6 August. Web: <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/>.

**10 AUGUST. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR (MAPW) DINNER (VIC).**

The speaker will be Carl-Magnus Larsson, the new CEO of Australia's nuclear regulatory body ARPANSA. He'll speak about his extensive experience as a nuclear regulator in Sweden, and how it translates to Australia. Cost: \$30, concession \$15. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, La Notte, 140 Lygon Street, Carlton. Contact: [vic@mapw.org.au](mailto:vic@mapw.org.au) or 03 9023 1958, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/mapw-dinner-nuclear-regulator-speaks>.

**12 AUGUST. BASS MDG ELECTORAL FORUM (TAS).**

The Bass MDG Coalition is a gathering of leaders from Make Poverty History, Micah Challenge and the Oaktree Foundation. Their core message is: 'We call upon the Australian government to provide more and better aid, to lead in climate change mitigation and to contribute to climate change adaptation.' Candidates from the ALP, Liberal Party and the Greens will each be offered 7 minutes to speak on their policy position. A wide range of leaders from federal politics, Launceston City Council, business, schools, unions, hospital and medical, community groups and churches are being invited to be part of the audience. Speakers: Geoff Lyons, ALP candidate; Steve Titmus, Liberal Party candidate; etc. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Launceston Town Hall Reception Room, St John Street, Launceston. Contact: 03 6331 4900 or [jeff@citybaptistchurch.net](mailto:jeff@citybaptistchurch.net). Web: <http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

**12 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY (MPH) ELECTORAL FORUM: MELBOURNE (VIC).**

Every minute 17 children die from preventable causes and every minute counts if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. A Make Poverty History electoral forum helps raise awareness in the community on global poverty and reminds our leaders that 'Every Minute Counts' for those people living in extreme poverty. Speakers: Andrew Hewett, MPH spokesperson, Executive Director, Oxfam; Cath Bowtell (ALP); Adam Bandt (Greens); Liberal Speaker (TBC); Moderator - Daniel Flitton, *The Age*. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, State Library Theatre, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Contact: [clancym@oxfam.org.au](mailto:clancym@oxfam.org.au). Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/>.

**12 - 14 AUGUST. QCOSS REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND INDIGENOUS PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT UNIT (QLD).**

Speakers: Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner; Aunty Dianne Roberts OAM, Master of Education, Aboriginal Education and Leadership advisor; Marcus Pedro, Torres Strait Islands; Dr John Bradley, Deputy Director, Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash University; etc. Cost: \$410-\$540. The Sebel, 17 Abbott Street, Cairns. Contact: 07 3004 6903. Web: [http://acoss.org.au/events/view/569/event\\_website\\_rego\\_url](http://acoss.org.au/events/view/569/event_website_rego_url).

**13 AUGUST. UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA (UNAA) NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'THE STATE OF THE WORLD POST COPENHAGEN' (NSW).**

The conference will address the following topics: UN and climate change; Millennium Development Goals; human rights; peace around the world; nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and linking conservation and poverty reduction. Speakers: Professor Robert Hill, UNAA National President; Dr Keith Suter, Author, broadcaster, Former UNAA President; Martine Letts, Deputy Director, Lowy Institute for International Policy; etc. Cost: \$45-\$100. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, NSW Parliament Theatre, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Contact: [office@unaansw.org.au](mailto:office@unaansw.org.au) or 0404 257 515. Web: <http://www.unaansw.org.au/>.

**13 AUGUST. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'WHAT NEXT FOR LABOUR - PROGRESSIVE IDEAS' (NSW).**

Speakers: Ben Eltham, writer, *New Matilda*; Miriam Lyons, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Development. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or [odl\\_bradley@pacific.net.au](mailto:odl_bradley@pacific.net.au). Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

**14 AUGUST. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY ELECTORAL FORUM: ROBERTSON (NSW).**

Every minute 17 children die from preventable causes and every minute counts if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. A Make Poverty History electoral forum helps raise awareness in the community on global poverty and reminds our leaders that 'Every Minute Counts' for those people living in

extreme poverty. Speakers: Clarry Castrission CEO, 40K Foundation Australia; Deborah O'Neil (ALP); Peter Freshwater (Greens); and invited - Darren Jameson (LIB). 2.00 to 3.30 pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea School, 165 Serpentine Road, Terrigal. Contact: [mph3nsw@gmail.com](mailto:mph3nsw@gmail.com). Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/>.

**14 AUGUST, 4 SEPTEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'DIVE AGAINST DEBT!' (NSW, VIC).** Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is hosting its annual 'Dive Against Debt' Skydive. This is an event for all thrill seekers and adrenalin junkies alike. The aim is to have loads of participants who are willing to throw themselves out of a plane and each raise \$700 in sponsorship. Proceeds raised will go towards helping thousands of families in financial crisis. 14 August - Newcastle; 4 September - Melbourne. Contact: 02 4914 0525 or [events@capaust.org](mailto:events@capaust.org). Web: [http://www.capaust.org/news.php?action=show&news\\_id=163](http://www.capaust.org/news.php?action=show&news_id=163).

**14 AUGUST. SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION: MAKE POVERTY HISTORY FORUM (NSW).** A joint project of the Diocese of Broken Bay, St Vincent de Paul and SJ around the Bay. Hear Jenni Downes and Dr Andy Marks. Join workshops, see Parish and Agency displays, and take part in the forum. Cost: donation appreciated. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Terrigal Parish Centre, 165 Serpentine Road, Terrigal. Contact: 02 9415 1492 or [lily.basdeo@vinnies.org.au](mailto:lily.basdeo@vinnies.org.au). Web: <http://www.sjaroundthebay.org>.

**14 - 15 AUGUST. NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS YOUTH MEDIA CONFERENCE (ACT).** The National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) together with the Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) and 1CMS Canberra's Multicultural Community Radio Station is holding this conference. The conference is an engaging, creative and effective way for voices of indigenous and multicultural young people to be heard in the media and society. Cost: \$30. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, North Building, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, 180 London Circuit, Civic, Canberra. Contact: [youth@nembc.org.au](mailto:youth@nembc.org.au) or 03 9486 9549. Web: <http://www.nembc.org.au/projects/youth/radioactive.html>.

**15 AUGUST. DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: 'NUKKAN. KUNGUN. YUNNAN' (SA).** This powerful 22 minute documentary presents the real impact the water crisis is having on the Coorong and its people. Driven by Ngarrindjeri youth it examines the effects on Ngarrindjeri culture as well as the damage for all Australians. 2.30 to 4.00 pm, Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/sa/event/23381/>.

**16 AUGUST. ENGAGEMENT TRAINING: 'WHITE FELLA / BLACK FELLA' (SA).** This is a non-country specific training on how we engage with each other, misconceptions, and ways forward in a general sense. 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, Adelaide Action Centre, 80 South Terrace, Adelaide. Contact: [sant@amnesty.org.au](mailto:sant@amnesty.org.au), RSVP by 12 August. Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/sa/event/23383/>.

**16 AUGUST. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY COURSE: 'WORK THE SYSTEM - AN INTRODUCTION TO ADVOCACY' (NSW).** This nationally recognised training course will help you understand how 'the system' works and how you can participate in and influence decision-making at all levels of government. It helps both individuals and communities develop the knowledge and skills to be effective advocates. Cost: \$220, concession \$110. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Haymarket. Contact: 02 8898 8506. Web: <http://www.piac.asn.au/trainingevent/work-system-introduction-advocacy>.

**17 AUGUST. FORUM: 'DREAM OR REALITY? AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WESTERN SYDNEY' (NSW).** Western Sydney Housing Coalition presents this forum, which aims to highlight the gap in housing affordability and availability facing Western Sydney and to develop powerful advocacy to address housing equity in the region. Hear housing experts from different sectors highlight the problems, their size, and the degree to which current strategies address these. Participate in one of the workshops (in relation to refugees, affordable housing or homelessness) to discuss and prioritise strategies. 9.00 am to 2.30 pm, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Road (next to Casula Rail Station), Casula. Contact: 02 9782 6547 or [hadit@fmrc.net](mailto:hadit@fmrc.net), RSVP by 11 August. Web: <http://www.wscf.org.au/>.

**19 AUGUST. AUSAID WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY SEMINAR: 'INCREASES IN GLOBAL VULNERABILITY: CHALLENGES FOR EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO PROTRACTED CRISES' (ACT).** In cooperation with the ACFID, AusAID will recognise World Humanitarian Day with this seminar. AusAID will be inviting other government agencies and broader stakeholders to participate in this event. 9.30 to 11.00 am, Training Room 1, AusAID House, Canberra. Contact: 02 6206 4710 or [Mark.Wedd@ausaid.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Wedd@ausaid.gov.au), RSVP by 16 August. Web: <http://www.acfid.asn.au/ausaid-world-humanitarian-day-seminar-19aug/>.

**19 AUGUST. BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE LUNCHTIME RESEARCH SEMINAR: 'INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED? LOW SES YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY' (VIC).** This presentation will share the findings of recent research conducted and commissioned by The Foundation for Young Australians that show how the experience of young Australians from low socioeconomic backgrounds compares to the continuing policy rhetoric of citizenship and participation. Speakers: Rosalyn Black and Dr Lucas Walsh, Foundation for Young Australians. 12.00 to 1.00 pm, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Fr Tucker's room, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Contact: [kphilipp@bsl.org.au](mailto:kphilipp@bsl.org.au). Web: <http://www.bsl.org.au/About-the-Brotherhood/Whats-on.aspx?id=86&dt=19/08/2010>.

**20 AUGUST. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'IS THE GREATER SYDNEY REGION SUSTAINABLE?' (NSW).** Speakers: Geoff Evans, Mineral Policy Institute; Arthur Rorris, General Secretary, South Coast Labour Council. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or [odlbradley@pacific.net.au](mailto:odlbradley@pacific.net.au). Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

**20 AUGUST. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE/MONASH UNIVERSITY ISAAC INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SYMPOSIUM: 'WHAT IS AN EFFICIENT AND FAIR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SYSTEM?' (VIC).** This symposium aims to recognise and highlight the outstanding and continuing contribution to industrial relations by Emeritus Professor Joe Isaac. A perennial challenge in the field of employment

regulation is to balance efficiency and fairness. Our speakers will provide contrasting perspectives of these two objectives and the challenges in finding a balance. 2.00 to 4.30 pm, Woodward Conference Centre, Law Building, corner Pelham and Leicester Streets, Melbourne. Contact: 03 8344 4481 or [isaac-workshop@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:isaac-workshop@unimelb.edu.au), RSVP essential. Web: [http://melbourneuniv-web.ungerboeck.com/coe/coe\\_p1\\_all.aspx?sessionid=faneiofa2fh1famei0](http://melbourneuniv-web.ungerboeck.com/coe/coe_p1_all.aspx?sessionid=faneiofa2fh1famei0).

**20 AUGUST. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA ANNUAL DINNER (VIC).** All members and supporters of the Catholic social services sector are welcome to attend the annual dinner. This is an occasion to celebrate CSS' work and to gather with others who share our faith-inspired commitment to a just and compassionate society. Cost \$65. 6.45 pm, San Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson Street, Carlton North. Contact: [esilvius@css.org.au](mailto:esilvius@css.org.au). Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

**20 - 22 AUGUST. COURSE: 'SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART' (NSW).** In contrast to theology, we speak of spirituality as practical. It focuses a way of Christian living. It is also practical in that it insists on 'groundedness' - an engagement with suffering and resistance to the causes of injustice. Course presenters/facilitators: Fr Brian Boyle, Sr Marie Farrell RSM, Phil Fitzgerald, Claude Mostowik MSc, John Rate MSc and Julie Taylor. Cost: various. Friday: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm; Saturday: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm; Sunday: 9.00 am to 1.30 pm; Chevalier Resource Centre, 1 Roma Avenue, Kensington. Contact: 02 9315 2299 or [julietaylor@chevaliercentre.org](mailto:julietaylor@chevaliercentre.org). Web: <http://www.churchresources.info/missionspirit/index.php#whatison>.

**21 AUGUST. SEMINAR: 'WOMEN, EUCHARIST AND GOOD NEWS FOR ALL CREATION' (TAS).** The Missionary Sisters of Service are holding this seminar with Sister Veronica Lawson, RSM. Veronica has given seminars and workshops in various parts of the world - in the Pacific, Papua New Guinea, Africa, Ireland and Pakistan, as well as in various parts of Australia. Veronica is a biblical scholar in her own right and from a feminist perspective. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Joyce Performance

Centre, 195 Main Road, Austins Ferry. Contact: [msrstas@bigpond.com](mailto:msrstas@bigpond.com) or 03 6249 8241, RSVP by 13 August. Web: <http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

**23 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD' (ACT).** Caritas Australia and AusAID are exhibiting this display around Australia. It highlights the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of world Governments to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. Video, photographs, visual installation as well as contributions (such as posters, baskets, school books, readers) from Caritas partner communities make up the installation. No cost. St Francis Xavier College, Barnard Circuit, Florey. Contact: 02 8306 3490, [siobhanj@caritas.org.au](mailto:siobhanj@caritas.org.au), [alexandrae@caritas.org.au](mailto:alexandrae@caritas.org.au) or 02 8306 3456. Web: <http://www.caritas.org.au/blueprint/Venues/index.html>.

**24 AUGUST. FUNDRAISER SILENT FILM FESTIVAL: 'SILENTS IN THE CITY: AUTUMN AND WINTER' (NSW).** Silent Film Australia, presenter of Australia's Silent Film Festival, and the Pitt Street Uniting Church are proud to host a season of restored silent film classics and live music to support Tradewinds' not for profit project in East Timor. Featuring: *Artheme Swallows His Clarinet* and *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven*, Mauro Colombis. Tradewinds Fairtrade organic coffees and teas available for nominal charge from 6.15 pm each evening. Cost: \$20, concession \$15. 7.00 pm, Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact: 0419 267 318 or [info@ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au](mailto:info@ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au). Web: <http://www.ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au/index.asp?IntCatId=14>.

**27 AUGUST. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) COURSE: 'INTRODUCTION TO ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA' (WA).** The First Peoples of this land need the rest of the country to understand their world, their struggles and their remarkable accomplishments. The rest of us will gain much from Aboriginal insights into environment, culture, history, spirituality, art, extended family and much more. Presenter: Dr Noel Nannup, one of the most respected Aboriginal leaders in WA. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact:

08 9432 2400 or [admin@erisj.org.au](mailto:admin@erisj.org.au). Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

**27 AUGUST - 9 SEPTEMBER. ROB MCNAMARA EXHIBITION: 'BEYOND FIRST IMPRESSIONS: WHAT CHANGES IF YOU GET TO KNOW ME?' (VIC).** field is holding its yearly mixed media exhibition by artists with and without disability, aiming to challenge and inspire artists and viewers alike and engage them in a unique learning experience. This exhibition has been named after Rob McNamara, an activist for the rights of people with disability. No cost. 11.00 am to 7.00 pm, Collingwood Gallery, 292 Smith Street, Collingwood. Contact: 03 8686 5621. Web: <http://www.field.org.au/>.

**29 AUGUST. DIOCESAN MASS: 'MANY CULTURES, ONE CHRIST' (NSW).** This is an opportunity to celebrate the many cultures which make up the Wollongong Diocese at a special Diocesan Mass followed by a multicultural fair. 2.00 pm, St John Vianney's Church, Fairy Meadow. Contact: 02 4229 4133. Web: <http://www.dow.org.au/coming-events/coming-events>.

**31 AUGUST. CONCERT: 'SIGNS OF HOPE - PEOPLE OF FAITH' (QLD).** Peter Kearney has been writing songs and hymns for most of his life. The concert will feature songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into the world. Subjects include: Mary Mackillop; Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche communities giving welcome to people with disabilities; Fr Ted Kennedy, St Francis of Assisi and others. Cost: \$5. 7.30 pm, St Luke's Church, 45 Degen Road, Capalaba. Contact: 07 3820 0109. Web: <http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11634&cid=7462&id=3059>.

**1 - 3 SEPTEMBER. NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE: 'MANY WAYS HOME: ENDING HOMELESSNESS BY 2020' (QLD).** This conference is an opportunity to discuss the Government's White Paper - The Road Home. The Conference is of interest to specialist homelessness services and those who support these services and also to those services that have an interest in responding to homelessness and how the Federal

Government's new approach to homelessness is being implemented throughout Australia. Speakers: Elizabeth Harper, Regional Director, St Mungo's Community Housing Association Ltd, UK; Marai Larasiis, Director, Imkaan; Mike Munro, journalist. Cost: \$450-\$875. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: [events@homelessnessaustralia.org.au](mailto:events@homelessnessaustralia.org.au) or 02 6162 0345. Web: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/index.php>.

**2 - 3 SEPTEMBER. TWO DAY INTENSIVE: 'CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS' (NSW).** Many people around us come from other faith traditions within the Christian context: Orthodox, Baptist, Anglican, Lutheran, Pentecostal, etc. This topic provides a unique opportunity to explore the beliefs of others with whom we come in contact in the classroom, at work or in everyday life. Speaker: David Schütz. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe. Contact: 02 9646 9010 or [info@caec.com.au](mailto:info@caec.com.au). Web: <http://www.caec.com.au/courses/index.html>.

**3 - 18 SEPTEMBER. CYCLE AGAINST THE TRAFFIK (NSW, VIC).** Carolyn Merry will be riding from Sydney to Melbourne to highlight the incidence of human trafficking. She is supported by the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). The cycling tour focuses on speaking with school, community and religious groups along the route about slavery and show how every one of us can participate in its eradication. See the website for many ways to get involved. The funds raised will go towards the ongoing support of a Tenaganita shelter in Malaysia for women who have been trafficked. Contact: [c.merry@cycleagainstthetraffik.com](mailto:c.merry@cycleagainstthetraffik.com). Web: <http://www.cycleagainstthetraffik.com/>.

**4 SEPTEMBER. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) COURSE: 'THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND HUMAN WELLBEING' (WA).** By the conclusion of this Intensive, you will have gained a deeper understanding of: what global free markets are doing to persons, families and societies; the nature of corporate restructuring of work, and its social and psychological impacts for families and communities; basic analytic techniques of 'political economy' necessary

for understanding these changes; the values underlying these changes, and how they might be ethically assessed; and how to envisage (imagine) alternative models of work, and the process of realising such change. Presenter: Associate Professor Rob Lambert. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or [admin@erisj.org.au](mailto:admin@erisj.org.au). Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

**6 SEPTEMBER. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY COURSE: 'EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY SKILLS AND STRATEGIES' (NSW).** Learn how to be more effective in your advocacy work in this practical one-day course designed for community workers, advocates and campaigners. The interactive workshop format uses small group problem solving, role-play, and case studies. Cost: \$220, concession \$110. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Haymarket. Contact: 02 8898 8506. Web: <http://www.piac.asn.au/trainingevent/effective-advocacy-skills-and-strategies>.

**7 SEPTEMBER. DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS LECTURE SERIES: PROFESSOR DAVID KINLEY 'TOO BIG TO FAIL: MAKING GLOBAL FINANCE PAY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS' (NSW).** This talk develops arguments as to how global finance can be made part of the solution to greater human rights protection, not just part of the problem. The relative capacities of global finance to do great harm to human rights as well as its potential to do great good will be canvassed, and the role that human rights law and policy does and might play analysed and assessed. Speaker: Professor David Kinley, Chair, Human Rights Law, Sydney University. Cost: free. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, Foyer (Level 2), Sydney Law School, New Law Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0259 or [law.events@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.events@sydney.edu.au). Web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventid=5356>.

**9 SEPTEMBER. SYMPOSIUM: 'SEEKING SOCIAL INCLUSION: EQUIPPING ORGANISATIONS TO RESPOND TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS' (VIC).** This symposium will inform and equip management, policy and practice staff across community services in responding to the mental health needs of service users.



Workshops will provide the opportunity to integrate information into service strategies. Speakers include: Professor Ruth Webber, ACU; Associate Professor Neil Cole, Mental Health Research Institute; Michael Perusco, CEO Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda; Martin

Turnbull, Assistant Director, Mental Health and Drugs Strategy, Department of Health, Victoria. 8.45 am to 4.45 pm, Kildara Centre, rear 39 Stanhope Street, Malvern. Contact: 0407 779 429, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

## News Monitor

### **Project Compassion 2010 raises highest-ever collection**

Caritas Australia says this year's Project Compassion has raised nearly \$9.4 million, making it the most successful in over 40 years since the annual Lenten campaign was launched.

### **CHA says Govt health reform ignores the most vulnerable**

The Government's health reform plan has ignored the needs of Australia's most vulnerable, Catholic Health Australia said in releasing its 2010 Federal Election Platform.

### **Enough scaremongering about refugees, religious say**

There needs to be stronger, more compassionate political leadership over asylum seekers, said the Catholic Religious Orders, who claim the recent debate has not reflected well on Australia.

### **Govt response must focus on refugees, say Jesuit advocates**

Government policy on asylum seekers must focus on protecting the vulnerable, rather than on the elimination of people smugglers, said Jesuit Refugee Service Australia.

### **Vinnies tells Govt not to 'pander to racism' on asylum seekers**

St Vincent de Paul National President Syd Tutton urged Prime Minister Julia Gillard to "show true leadership" on the issue of asylum seekers.

### **Jesuit school plans for Aboriginal children in Redfern**

The NSW Board of Studies granted initial registration for a new, tuition-free Jesuit primary school for Aboriginal children, set to

open in Sydney's Redfern next year.

### **Faith welfare groups slam both parties over mental health**

Catholic Social Services, along with Anglicare, the Salvation Army and Uniting Care, expressed reservations about the federal government's \$50 billion health reform plan, pointing out poor mental health policies on both sides of the political divide.

### **Catholic bishops slam bipartisan migration cuts**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), and the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), slammed bipartisan policies on migration as "without foresight or hindsight."

### **Sentence for Khmer Rouge official 'too short', say Cambodian Catholics**

Cambodian Catholics say the 35-year prison sentence handed down to former Khmer Rouge official and prison chief Kaing Guek Eav, better known as Duch, was too short.

### **Religious, women speak up against trafficking at UN**

A member of the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans, appeared at the United Nations to support a delegation of Australian women making presentation about discrimination against women.

### **Caritas Blueprint for Better World exhibition opens**

Caritas Australia's Blueprint for a Better World exhibition was officially launched in Canberra at the Museum of Australian Democracy in the Old Parliament House.

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# Social Justice Calendar

**1 SUN** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
National Missing Persons Week commences

**2 MON** First Indo-Chinese refugees allowed to settle in Australia, 1965

**4 WED** National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

**6 FRI** The Transfiguration (Feast)  
Hiroshima Day, 1945

**7 SAT** Caritas Australia Be More Weekend

**8 SUN** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Feast day of Mary MacKillop  
Atom Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, 1945

**9 MON** International Day of the World's Indigenous People

**11 WED** First day of Ramadan

**12 THU** International Youth Day

**15 SUN** Assumption of Mary (Solemnity)  
End of World War II in the Pacific, 1945

**16 MON** Wave Hill Station, NT, returned to the Gurindji People, 1975

**18 WED** Vietnam Veterans Day

**19 THU** World Humanitarian Day

**22 SUN** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**23 MON** International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

**26 THU** MV Tampa rescues 433 asylum seekers from a sinking vessel. Australian Government refuses entry to its shores and sends troops to prevent disembarkation, 2001

**27 FRI** Dom Helder Camara died, 1999

**29 SUN** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Refugee & Migrant Sunday

**30 MON** East Timor's Independence Ballot, 1999 - 78.5% of East Timorese vote for independence

*Notes on these dates are available in the printed ACSJC's Seasons of Social Justice Diary. The cost is \$6.60. To order go to [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social\\_justice\\_calendar.html](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social_justice_calendar.html), or call 02 8306 3499.*

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