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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

Social Justice Sunday - September 26

As Social Justice Sunday approaches, now is the time to place your orders for the Australian Catholic Bishops' Statement. Parishes, schools and groups can order printed copies (minimum of 10) from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. The order form can be found on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 26 September. The title of this year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'.

Reflecting on the theme of the Statement, Bishop Christopher Saunders, Chairman of the ACSJC, says, 'Every day, it seems, we hear news of some act of gratuitous violence: someone bashed in the street or some violent confrontation on the roads.'

But there is aggression and violence that is often less apparent and more widespread. 'Many people are affected by violence in their own homes, and their lives can be damaged for decades. Young people's lives can be ruined by campaigns of bullying and humiliation by their peers. And we see the culture of abuse that at times infects our politics and our media.'

Violence exists not just at the levels of interpersonal and community relations, but also in the structural arrangements of our society. The violence associated with sustained poverty, social exclusion, dispossession and racial discrimination in the present and also in Australia's past remain challenges to be addressed.

Where do we find the inspiration and resolve to respond peacefully to situations of violence?

Bishop Saunders says: 'For Christians, Jesus Christ is the strongest example and source of strength in our long journey towards the peace of God. He was the victim of the worst that humanity could do. His response to violence was not more violence but an act of transcendence that set humanity on a new path forever. The mission and resurrection of Jesus are both a message of hope to humanity and a call to conversion: to renounce the sources of violence and to look for new and constructive ways of addressing the pain and anger we see in our world.'

The Bishop highlights a key goal of the World Council of Churches' *Decade to Overcome Violence* - the promotion of fundamental human rights, addressing wide varieties of violence, direct and structural, in homes, communities and in the international arenas, and learning from local and regional ways of overcoming violence.

'In the Statement examples are given of men and women who are making their contribution

to peace as individuals, in their communities, and in response to issues of national and global importance. There are countless others who work tirelessly, and often without recognition, to bring peace where discord or violence would otherwise prevail.

‘As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday, let us remember that every effort we take to overcome violence is a response to Christ’s call to go into the world and bring a peace that the world alone cannot give,’ Bishop Saunders concludes.

Order forms, associated resources and information about the Social Justice Sunday Statement can be found on the ACSJC website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

I am grateful for any of efforts of your part to promote this Statement and the celebration of Social Justice Sunday on 26 September.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues / Resources

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: 12 SEPTEMBER 2010

Child protection Sunday is on 12 September. The theme is ‘Working together to stop child abuse wherever it occurs’. The awareness campaign is being run by the National Committee for Professional Standards - A Committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops and the Leaders of Religious Institutes. For further information contact: (02) 9387 2400. It is being run in conjunction with child protection groups during National Child Protection Week.

MEDIA RELEASE: ‘RIGHT TO SHELTER - RIGHT THE WRONG!’

On 6 August, during National Homeless Persons’ Week, Bishop Christopher Saunders called on all political parties to address homelessness in Australia with commitment and compassion. He said, ‘Support is particularly needed for communities throughout the nation where homelessness is reaching crisis proportions. Last week I witnessed the forced removal of Indigenous people from the sand dunes of Kennedy Hill in Broome. In the process, possessions such as tents, blankets and food and medication were taken away. To witness homeless people losing the only shelter they had makes me question Australia’s resolve to address homelessness.’ He said, ‘The strategy of moving people on is no solution at all. An important challenge for Australian

communities is to be mindful that those people who are moved on may be “out of sight” but they remain in great need. (refer: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/Content/media_releases/2010_08_06_56737598897.html)

MEDIA RELEASE: NT ELDERS TAKE MESSAGE TO U.N.

Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM and Rosalie Kunoth-Monks attended the 77th Session of the Committee for Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Rosalie spoke of the importance of the visit to the UN: ‘It is the land that holds us together and following the second invasion of the 2007 Intervention, we are hurting, we are suffering. I went to the UN to relieve my pain by being able to present the true facts of what is happening in the remote parts of our country. I had to find a platform where it could be told.’ Djiniyini and Rosalie carried with them to the UN the report ‘Loss of Rights’, prepared by ‘concerned Australians’. The report can be accessed at:

<http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/Portals/3/docs/CERD%20report%20%28final%29%20internet%20version%2010072010%20Copy.pdf>

The report of the Australian Human Rights Commission can be accessed at: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/ngos/AHRC_Australia77.pdf

The concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, issued on 27 August, can be downloaded at: http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cerd/docs/co/CERD-C-AUS-CO-15_17.doc

MEDIA RELEASE: ACRATH TAKES MESSAGE TO U.N.

Representatives of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) joined with others to raise awareness of the need for suitable housing for people trafficked into Australia. Sr Joan Kennedy pbvm supported a delegation of Australian women making a Shadow Report presentation to the UN Committee for the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. 'Some of our ACRATH Sisters work closely with trafficked women and are all too familiar with the difficulties women face when they are freed from a trafficked situation. It is very difficult for them to find housing in the city because their English may not be fluent and employment opportunities are limited.' Sr Joan will be returning from the UN in September to work with ACRATH to try and identify suitable accommodation for trafficked women. For more information, visit: <http://www.acrath.org.au/>; <http://www.cathnews.com/article.aspx?aeid=22468>

U.N. ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL PEACE AWARD

Dr Stella Cornelius AO, OBE was the first Australian to receive the International Peace Award, on 13 August, in recognition of her lifetime commitment to peace and conflict resolution. Australian-born Dr Cornelius has made an outstanding contribution to global peace by making access to conflict resolution training widely available. These skills, promoted through the Conflict Resolution Network she established, are now used in workplaces, universities, schools, community organisations, and by individuals. Refer: <http://www.unaavictoria.org.au/pages/awards-program/international-peace-award.php>
To find out more about the Conflict Resolution Network, visit the website: <http://www.crnhq.org/>

FEATURE WEBSITE: PACE E BENE AUSTRALIA

Pace e Bene Australia was established in early 2006 as an associated body to the US-based Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service. Pace e Bene Australia facilitates the 'Engage', 'From Violence to Wholeness' and 'Traveling with the Turtle' workshops around Australia. You can find out about planned workshops in your area by visiting the workshop schedule, or contact the nearest member of the steering committee to discuss the workshops and how you can be supported - either by facilitating a program for your community or just providing some advice on how to do it yourselves. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/juswhe/>

BULLETIN: GROWING A CULTURE OF PEACE

Now Available: Growing a Culture of Peace September bulletin No 8 for parish and school newsletters. The theme is: "Commitment is ...". The bulletin is from the Columban Mission Institute Centre for Peace Ecology and Justice. For further information contact: Anne Lanyon, Co-ordinator, Columban Mission Institute Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice, Locked Bag 2002, Strathfield NSW 2135 Ph 02 9352 8021 Fax 02 9746 8033

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-20s to mid-30s 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. Call 0408 357 811 for further details.

REPORT: YOU THINK: YOUR SAY

In May 2010, The Salvation Army released a report prepared for the Federal Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. This report, supported by Business Group Australia, is the result of extensive community consultations held in mid 2009, which were designed and facilitated by The Salvation Army to provide an opportunity for the voices of disadvantaged and disempowered young people to be provided direct to the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth. To access the report, visit: <http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/action/NOTEMPLATE?s=0,pURL=you-think-your-say>

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

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 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 MacKillop's 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

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>)

ICAN CAMPAIGN: MILLION PLEAS

The International Campaign to abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) has launched a 'Million Pleas' campaign that aims to gather one million pleas from people all over the globe calling on the leaders of nine nations to finally retire the bomb. The website includes a promotion filmed in Hiroshima of school children and Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) saying 'please' rid the world of nukes. You can view the videos and messages from hundreds of other people already sending their plea for a world free of nuclear weapons. You can add your own plea by visiting the website: <http://www.millionpleas.com>

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)

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>

Prayer Card & Leaflet: Ten Steps Towards Being a Peacemaker.

Now available. Call (02) 8306 3499

Social Justice Sunday Statement Summary, Liturgy Notes, Teachers' Notes, PowerPoint Presentation - becoming available at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Ecumenical resource: 'Peace Be With You'. Download from the National Council of Churches website: <http://www.ncca.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 2009 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 of eight essays by women engaged in wide-ranging areas of Church life. (\$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



This Month's Notices

UNTIL 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/>.

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. 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. 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 26 SEPTEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'REACHING THE PEOPLE: MARY MACKILLOP IN SYDNEY COVE' (NSW). The exhibition will celebrate the work and achievements of the Sisters of St Joseph in The Rocks area over a twenty year period from 1881 to 1901. This will provide an insight into the role Mary MacKillop played in providing Sydney's underclass with a level of dignity and

compassion. Cost: \$8, concession \$6. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 8912 4878 or mackillop@sosj.org.au. Web: <http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/museum/WhatsOn.asp>.

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.

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/>.

1 - 3 SEPTEMBER. NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE: 'MANY WAYS HOME: ENDING HOMELESSNESS BY 2020' (QLD). This conference is an opportunity to discuss the 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 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 or 02 6162 0345. Web: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/index.php>.

2 SEPTEMBER. TRAINING: 'AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM' (VIC). Training for Community Leaders

and Facilitators. This retreat connects you with a global community of change agents, committed to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually fulfilling human presence on the planet. Cost \$585, concession \$385. Mt Moreton Conference Centre, Fairmont Avenue, Belgrave Heights. Contact: janefmb7@gmail.com or 0416 279 811. Web: <http://www.paxchristi.org.au/plugins/events.cgi?all=1&num=10>.

2 - 3 SEPTEMBER. CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE (CAEC) 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. Cost: \$150. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, CAEC, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe. Contact: 02 9646 9010 or info@caec.com.au. Web: <http://www.caec.com.au/courses/index.html>.

3 SEPTEMBER. THE INAUGURAL MORGAN HOWE MEMORIAL ADDRESS: 'ACT JUSTLY, LOVE FAITHFULLY, LIVE HUMBLY (MICAH 6:8) - THE PROPHETIC CHALLENGE TO THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH' (QLD). Most Rev John Bathersby DD, Archbishop of Brisbane and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane are holding this event. Speaker: Dr Mary Coloe pbvm, Associate Professor, School of Theology (National), Australian Catholic University. Dr Coloe will explore the question, 'How can the Church be a credible prophet in the 21st Century?' Cost: donation. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, O'Shea Centre, Lovedale Street, Wilston. Contact: 07 3336 9174 or em.fl@bne.catholic.net.au, RSVP by 27 August. Web: <http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11635&cid=7463&id=3070>.

3 SEPTEMBER. FORUM ON RACISM AND THE MEDIA: 'THE LIE THAT BUILT A NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERVENTION' (NSW). Speakers: Chris Graham, founding and former editor, National Indigenous Times; and Tjanara Goreng Goreng, founder, FIRDA Foundation for Indigenous Recovery

and Development Australia. Organised by Stop the NT Intervention. 6.00 pm, UTS, University Hall, Harris Street, Ultimo. Contact: stoptheintervention@gmail.com. Web: <http://stoptheintervention.org/>.

3 SEPTEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'HOMELESSNESS - THE SCANDAL OF UNFULFILLED PROMISES' (NSW). Speakers: Hazel Blunden, Housing Policy Officer for the Greens; Daniel Petsalis, Homeless Support Services Mission Australia. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odlbradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

3 SEPTEMBER. BLESSING OF CYCLE AGAINST THE TRAFFIK TOUR (NSW). Participate in a Mary MacKillop blessing for Carolyn Merry and the ride team; throw some \$\$ into Carolyn's bike helmet; share a Fairtrade cuppa (courtesy of the Salvos) as the team rides off towards Melbourne. All money raised on this ride will be sent to Tenaganita (Women's Strength), an NGO in Malaysia that offers support for trafficked people and advocacy for change. Contact: c.carolan@goodshp.com.au or 03 9205 4200. Web: <http://www.cycleagainststhetraffik.com/>.

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 can participate in its eradication. See the website for many ways to get involved. Organisers have created a blogsite so that you can follow the events of the Tour: <http://cycleagainststhetraffiktour2010.blogspot.com/2010/08/welcome-to-tour-2010.html?sref=fb>. Contact: c.merry@cycleagainststhetraffik.com. Web: <http://www.cycleagainststhetraffik.com/>.

4 SEPTEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'DIVE AGAINST DEBT!' (VIC). Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is hosting its annual 'Dive Against Debt' Skydive. 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. Melbourne. Contact: 02 4914 0525 or events@capaust.org. Web: http://www.capaust.org/news.php?action=show&news_id=163.

4 SEPTEMBER. SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CONCERT: 'SOUNDS OF PERU' (NSW). Ethica will have its first Peruvian concert featuring music from the Andes to the coast including Afro Peruvian music. Enjoy a great night and help the women of Peru. Ethica products will be available. Cost: \$20. 7.00 pm, Mary Mackillop Place Auditorium, Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 8912 2716 or gina.bradley@sosj.org.au. Web: http://www.sosj.org.au/news-events/view_event.cfm?id=73&loadref=8.

4 SEPTEMBER. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) COURSE: 'THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND HUMAN WELLBEING' (WA). This Intensive will give 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; basic analytic techniques of 'political economy' necessary for understanding these changes; the values underlying these changes; and how to envisage (imagine) alternative models of work. 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. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

4 SEPTEMBER. INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND ECUMENISM SEMINAR (NSW). The Parramatta Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission invite you to an Interfaith Dialogue and Ecumenism Seminar at the Institute For Mission (IFM). Speakers: Fr Herman Roborgh SJ, Specialist in Christian-Muslim Dialogue; Imam Afroz Ali, Al Ghazzali Centre, Sydney; Rev Dr Gerard Kelly, Catholic Institute of Sydney. Cost: parish representatives are free; \$20 others. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, IFM, corner Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown. Contact: 02 9831 4911 or ifm@tpg.com.au, RVSP by 28 August. Web: <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/events/>

[events.aspx/interfaith-dialogue---ecumenism-seminar.aspx](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/events/events.aspx/interfaith-dialogue---ecumenism-seminar.aspx).

4 SEPTEMBER. EXPLORING AN ETHICAL CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (ACT). Dr John Williams will speak on the relationship between science and theology, and various response options to climate change. Bishop George Browning will speak on the ethical/theological issues surrounding the challenge of climate change. An open Panel discussion will follow. Hosted by Canberra Region Presbytery, Uniting Church. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Canberra City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra. Contact: 02 6257 4600 or office@canberracityuca.org.au, RSVP by 1 September. Web: <http://www.ces.org.au/#Calendar%20of%20Events>.

4 SEPTEMBER. CATALYST ETHICAL TRADE EXPO (NSW). A community event to promote ethical purchasing will include live music and various Fair Trade vendors. There will be videos on poverty and slavery as well as short talks by advocates for the poor and marginalised of the Global community. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Erina Community Baptist Church, corner Carlton Road and Central Coast Highway, Erina Heights. Contact: ross@bellvalley.com or 0401 873 921. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/473>.

5 SEPTEMBER. FESTIVAL OF REFUGEES (VIC). Performances from Burma, Sudan, Congo, Vietnam, West Papua, Sri Lanka, and more. Featuring award-winning singer Kavisha Mazzella and Muslim author Hanifa Deen followed by a Middle Eastern and West African Dinner. Welcome to Country by Aboriginal Elder Reg Blow. Organised in partnership with City of White Horse, Victorian Council of Churches, Act for Peace. Cost: \$10. 3.00 to 4.30 pm, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Contact: 03 9650 6811 or vcc@vcc.org.au. Web: <http://www.paxchristi.org.au/plugins/events.cgi?all=1&num=10>.

6 SEPTEMBER. NAPCAN ACT - BREAKFAST LAUNCH OF NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (ACT). The event will see Minister Joy Burch MLA, Minister for Children and Young

people launch National Child Protection Week in the ACT. Dr Adam Tomison, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology, will also speak on the findings of the NAPCAN Survey, which were launched as part of National Child Protection Week last year. Speaker: Dr Tomison, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology. He is internationally recognised as an expert in the field of child abuse, the prevention of child abuse and other family violence and the development and operation of child protection and family support services. All proceeds from the breakfast will support the work of NAPCAN. Cost: \$40. 7.00 to 8.30 am, The Pork Barrel Café, King George Terrace, Parkes. Contact: 0409 828 307 or sue.packer@act.gov.au. Web: <http://www.napcan.org.au/campaigns/napcan-events-during-national-child-protection-week>.

6 SEPTEMBER. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY COURSE: 'EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY SKILLS AND STRATEGIES' (NSW). Learn how to be more effective in 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>.

6 SEPTEMBER. AIATSIS SEMINAR SERIES: 'UNCOVERING THE LAYERS' (ACT). In this talk, two poems, *Blackberry's Child* and *They change my name, I am no longer Elizabeth* will be explored as they use different voices and attitudes to convey two women's experiences as little girls taken from their families and placed in the same institution. Speaker: Elizabeth Hodgson, Wiradjuri woman, works at Wollongong University on the Black Words subset of AustLit: The Australian Literature Resource. No cost. 12: 30 to 2.00 pm, Mabo room, AIATSIS Building, Acton Peninsula, Canberra. Contact: Jeanine.Lean@aiatsis.gov.au or 02 6261 4227. Web: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/seminarseries/series2.html>.

7 SEPTEMBER. NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK - NAPCAN QUEENSLAND ANNUAL BREAKFAST: 'CHILD PROTECTION - PROBLEMS

AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR AUSTRALIA' (QLD). Professor Eileen Munro, Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, has been invited by the Rt Honourable Michael Grove, Secretary of State, to conduct a review of child protection services in the UK. She is visiting a number of states in Australia to learn about our reforms. Professor Munro will discuss her analysis of the problems in the English system and the approach she is taking to find solutions. Cost: \$50, concession \$40. 7.30 to 9.30 am, L'Academie, 247 St Paul's Terrace, Spring Hill. Contact: 07 3846 1888 or gld@napcan.org.au. Book tickets: 1300 369 882. Web: <http://www.napcan.org.au/campaigns/napcan-events-during-national-child-protection-week>.

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. No cost. 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. Web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventid=5356>.

7 SEPTEMBER. LECTURE: 'THE MORAL COMPASS - CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS' (NSW). 4th Annual Richard Johnson College Lecture by Senator The Hon Ursula Stephens. Cost: \$25. 5.30 pm drinks, 6.00 to 7.30 pm Lecture and Questions, 7.30 pm dinner, Innovation Campus, Squires Road, Fairy Meadow. Contact: raymond@uow.edu.au or 0412 849 451. Web: <http://www.dow.org.au/news/news-in-brief-63>.

7 SEPTEMBER. NAPCAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK VIP

BREAKFAST (WA). NAPCAN are honoured to have Dr Sue Gordon AM as its guest speaker. Dr Gordon is an ex Children's Court magistrate and a proud indigenous woman who has had extensive experience in the legal system particularly in the area of child abuse. Cost: \$60. 7.15 to 9.00 am, The Swan Room, Parmelia Hilton, Mill Street, Perth. Contact: 08 9272 9993 or wa@napcan.org.au. Web: <http://www.napcan.org.au/campaigns/napcan-events-during-national-child-protection-week>.

7 SEPTEMBER. WELL-BEING AND WORK SEMINAR (VIC). Speaker: Dr Kirrily Jordan, post-doctoral fellow, ANU's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research. Her research interests include Indigenous well-being and Indigenous employment policy, particularly the relationship between work and well-being. Kirrily's disciplinary background is in political economy and prior to working at CAEPR she focused her research on economic inequality and the socio-economic position of migrants in Australia. 1.00 to 2.00 pm, Economics and Commerce Building, Theatre 3, University of Melbourne. Contact: dehms@unimelb.edu.au. Web: <http://www.socialjustice.unimelb.edu.au/events/forthcoming.html>.

7 SEPTEMBER. LECTURE: 'RECONCILIATION IN ACTION' (NSW). Speaker: Joan Tranter, Wakka Wakka Nation, Elders Representative, NSW Reconciliation Council, Manager, Education and Training, Equity and Diversity Unit, UTS. Joan will speak about her personal journey through education, her commitment to Reconciliation, and give some insights to the diversity of Indigenous Australians. Organised by Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation. No cost. 7.00 to 9.30 pm, Community Centre, 164 Longueville Road, Lane Cove. Contact: Web: http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/_webapp_646770/LCRR_Reconciliation_in_Action.

8 SEPTEMBER. SPECIAL NEEDS MASS: 'YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN THE EYES OF GOD' (NSW). The Special Needs Working Party of the Federation of P and F Associations have organised this mass. Celebrant: Bishop Michael Malone. 7.00 pm, St Patrick's Church, Northcote Avenue, Swansea. Contact: 02 4979 1303 or linda.mcneil@mn.catholic.edu.au.

au. Web: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/newsroom/pdf/Special%20Needs%20Mass%20Sep%2010.pdf>.

8 SEPTEMBER. ASYLUM SEEKER CHALLENGE: 'DARING TO BE DIFFERENT - A JOURNEY TO A JUST WORLD' (VIC). The Xavier Social Justice Network in Melbourne presents its Asylum Seeker Challenge in an interactive-style panel led by moderator Judge Frances Hogan. Speakers: Paris Aristotle, Director, Survivors of Torture VIC; Dr Maryanne Loughry, Associate Director, Jesuit Refugee Service; and Zamera Sahirra, Association of Hazaras. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre, Xavier College, Barkers Road, Kew. Book online: <http://www.trybooking.com/HBC>.

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: Professor Ruth Webber, ACU; Associate Professor Neil Cole, Mental Health Research Institute; Michael Perusco, CEO Sacred Heart Mission; Martin Turnbull, Assistant Director, Mental Health and Drugs Strategy, Department of Health. 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/>.

9 SEPTEMBER. NAPCAN VICTORIA - NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK BREAKFAST (VIC). The event will be chaired by Mark McKeon, MC. The guest speakers will be discussing their role in protecting Victoria's children, how to provide for the best interests of children and how everyone can contribute to building more caring communities to keep children safe. Speakers: Bernie Geary, Child Safety Commissioner for Victoria; and Robyn Miller, Principle Practitioner for Children, Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria Cost: \$70. 7.15 am, The Residence, Grant Hyatt, 123 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: 0417

035 298 or anne.paul47@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.napcan.org.au/campaigns/napcan-events-during-national-child-protection-week>.

9 SEPTEMBER. FILM NIGHT: 'MOTHER FISH' (QLD). Amnesty International is hosting this film night featuring the Australian movie Mother Fish, directed by award winning Khoa Do. This powerful story of four refugees fleeing Vietnam goes inside the mind of one of the survivors as she relives her extraordinary journey. A guest speaker will open the film with a short story that will inspire all. No cost. 6.30 pm, Lecture Theatre 7, Sunshine Coast University. Contact: 07 3136 6400. Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/index.html>.

9 SEPTEMBER. OVERBOARD SEMINAR: 'INTERCEPTION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW' (NSW). This seminar will feature Dr Chris Michaelsen from UNSW's Law Faculty discussing international law and interception at sea and their implications for the new proposals for offshore processing of boat arrivals. 6.30 to 8.30 pm, NSW Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle Street, Chippendale. Contact: nswrefugeeteam@amnesty.org.au. Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/nsw/event/23382/>.

11 SEPTEMBER. PALMS AUSTRALIA COURSE: 'INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEERING' (QLD). 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, Fr Bernard O'Shea In-Service Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston. Contact: 02 9518 9551. Web: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/events/>.

11 SEPTEMBER. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) COURSE: 'BETWEEN GOVERNANCE AND MISSION - CENTRICITY: CHALLENGES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT MANAGERS AND BOARDS' (WA). This Intensive will give you a deeper understanding

of: why commerce-centric models traditionally used in planning and management are bad news for Not-for-Profits; how a mission-centric view of strategic planning and management allows both outward-looking ideals and sound internal governance; how to ensure that governance, financial and accountability requirements support rather than overwhelm or kidnap core objectives; models to take away that are relevant to strategic planning, resource allocation and governance control while focused on mission outcomes. Presenter: Professor David Gilchrist. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

11 SEPTEMBER, 16 OCTOBER. GRAIL WORKSHOPS: 'THE STORIES WE TELL ...' (NSW). The first session is titled 'The Power of Stories' with Megan Wallace and Lana Shawiri, who share their inspiring stories. The two met at a youth service in Redfern, which specialises in using the power of stories to change lives. In October, the session is titled 'Strong Women's Business: The Story of Ruth and Naomi'. With first time author, Mary-Ellen Mullane, and story teller, Donna Jacob Sife, we will explore the story of Ruth and Naomi and its relevance to our busy modern lives. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 3.00 to 5.00 pm, The Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 9955 3053 or grailsydney@ozemail.com.au.

13 SEPTEMBER. AIATSIS SEMINAR SERIES: 'IDENTITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BELONGING' (ACT). 'Those who make decisions about children of mixed parentage, and especially Indigenous children, need to understand that when you take a child from their parent or their family, you rip a hole in the fabric of their personal history, and the consequences can reverberate through the years and generations'. This presentation traces the journey of one such person, who was compelled from an early age to learn the truth of their identity, and to reconnect with their place of belonging. Speaker: Lorraine McGee-Sippel, author, descendant, Yorta Yorta Wemba Wemba people of NSW/Victoria. No cost. 12:30 to 2.00 pm, Mabo room, AIATSIS Building, Acton Peninsula, Canberra. Contact:

Jeanine.Leane@aiatsis.gov.au or 02 6261 4227.
Web: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/seminarseries/series2.html>.

14 SEPTEMBER. NEWTOWN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'ABORIGINAL VOICES' (NSW). Alana Taylor and Ralph Townsend. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Town Hall Hotel, 326 King Street, Newtown. Contact: 02 9230 7631 or clevana@mooball.com. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

14 SEPTEMBER. DEBATE: 'WHO'S ILLEGAL? THE GREAT BIG REFUGEE DEBATE' (NSW). Chair of Panel: Richard Ackland, lawyer and journalist. Panel: Professor Mary Crock, Professor of Public Law, University of Sydney; Alex Pagliaro, Refugee Action Coordinator Amnesty International; Najeeba Wazefadost, Hazara woman, refugee from Afghanistan who arrived by boat. 6.00 to 8.30 pm, Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street (between Park and Bathurst streets), Sydney. Contact: lizawatson@bigpond.com, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/nsw/event/23530/>.

15 SEPTEMBER. SUTHERLAND SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'OUR EMERGING SPIRITUALITY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE' (NSW). Speakers: Philip Hair and Kate Burnett. Sutherland United Services Club, East Parade, Sutherland. Contact: 02 9520 0617 or 02 9548 2475. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

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16 SEPTEMBER. E-CONFERENCE: 'JESUS THE CHRIST' (NATIONAL). Broken Bay Institute working with the Australian Catholic Bishops

presents this conference. Speaker: Gerald O'Collins SJ. No cost. Eastern Standard Time: 10.30 am to 3.00 pm; Central Standard Time: 10.00 am to 2.30 pm; Western Standard Time: 8.30 am to 1.00 pm. Contact: 02 9847 0556 or vryan@bbi.catholic.edu.au. Web: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au>.

16 SEPTEMBER. DINNER AND CONVERSATION WITH PEACE ACTIVIST REV SIMON MOYLE (VIC). 'I believe in the capacity of human beings to live simply, lovingly and joyfully together. I believe citizens should exercise their right to protest against actions taken by their own government(s), even if it means risking being arrested - as I have, in acts of civil disobedience against war.' Simon is a Baptist Minister and member of Inspiral. He works at Urban Seed, a Christian organisation working with some of Melbourne's most marginalised people. Cost: \$25. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, Contact: 0423 407 499 or australiadreaming@carlton.uca.org. Web: <http://carlton-uca.org/australia-dreaming/conversations.php>.

16 - 20 SEPTEMBER. EARTH CHARTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL FESTIVAL (QLD). The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century. ERC was one of the first Australian organisations to endorse the Earth Charter and are involved in the planning the national festival promoting the Charter by celebrating its 10th anniversary. Brisbane, CBD and South Brisbane. Contact: 07 3735 5546. Web: <http://www.earthcharter.org.au>.

17 SEPTEMBER. PAX CHRISTI CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL MEETING: 'TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE: A NEW APPROACH TO SECURITY FOR AUSTRALIA' (VIC). Saturday's program includes a series of excellent presentations, with speakers including Nic MacLellan, Marilyn Lake, Steph Cousins, and Joseph Camilleri; on Sunday Pax Christi will discuss their future strategy and directions. Kildara Centre, 39 Stanhope Street, Malvern. Contact: ahmkerr@hotmail.com. Web: <http://www.paxchristi.org.au/plugins/events.cgi?all=1&num=10>.

17-19 SEPTEMBER. STAND UP AGAINST POVERTY: 'MAKE SOME NOISE' (NATIONAL).

This weekend coincides with the UN MDG Summit in New York. Schools, work places, parishes and community groups are invited to take part in this growing worldwide movement that refuses to remain silent and seated in the face of poverty. Take part and make a noise to show the world leaders that they are expected to keep their promises and do their fair share to end poverty. Register and resources: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/2010/08/24/stand-up-and-make-a-noise/>.

18 SEPTEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'TREK FOR TIMOR' (NSW). Teams of 4-6 people will be given this unique opportunity to trek a scenic route of 13km or 45km through the World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park. Each walker raises at least \$150 in sponsorship, which will be used by Blue Mountains Friendship Group and the Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters to fund much wanted education and training programs and programs for women and children in East Timor. Cost: \$30. Contact: oneo@wscf.org.au or 02 4787 6614. Register: <http://www.trekfortimorbm.org.au>.

18 SEPTEMBER. RIDE FOR REFUGEES AUSTRALIA (NSW). 42 million refugees around the globe, 1 in every 160 people on earth displaced, uprooted and running for their lives. This is a non-competitive, family-friendly cycling fundraising event designed to raise awareness and funds for refugee related ministries both in Australia and around the world. Free BBQ with drinks and salads. 7.30 am to 3.00 pm, Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Road, Horsley Park. Contact: r4rsydney@iteams.org, 02 9890 2244 or 0431 918 445. Web: <http://rideforrefugees.com.au/>.

20 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER. PALMS ENCOUNTER: TIMOR LESTE. The encounter will include participating in permaculture projects; learning about sustainable farming techniques; visiting development volunteers and understanding how best the world can cooperate to Make Poverty History; enjoying the finest hospitality of Timor-Leste's premier eco-tourism resorts; and experiencing village life at with the friendly people of Beloi village.

Contact: 02 9518 9551 or palms@palms.org.au. Web: <http://www.palms.org.au/news/events/#>.

21 SEPTEMBER. UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE INTERFAITH SERVICE (NSW). St David's Uniting Church will celebrate the day with prayers offered by people representing different faith/cultural backgrounds for peace and harmony. People representing Aboriginal, Bahia, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian Communities will offer prayers for peace and there will be time for silent reflection. The church bell will be rung at midday. Light refreshments will follow the service 11.00 am, St David's Uniting Church Main Hall, 454 Pacific Highway, Lindfield. Contact: 02 9416 2746 or mnghosh@people.net.au. Web: <http://www.dbb.org.au/ourparishesandpriests/Pages/BulletinDownloads.aspx>.

21 SEPTEMBER. UNSW PANEL DISCUSSION: 'THE ASYLUM DEBATE' (NSW). Q&A-style panel discussion with international refugee law experts: Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill, Oxford; Professor Geoff Gilbert, Essex; Professor Kate Jastram, Berkeley; and Associate Professor Jane McAdam, UNSW. The discussion will be moderated by Professor George Williams, UNSW. Following this, Professor Stephen Castles, Sydney will launch a new book edited by Jane McAdam, *Climate Change and Displacement: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. 6.15 to 8.00 pm, UNSW Law Theatre. RSVP: http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/news_and_events/events/event-detail.asp?id=3552.

21 SEPTEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE': ANH DO, COMEDIAN AND AUTHOR (WA). Anh Do and his entire family came close to losing their lives at sea as they escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat. Life in Australia was hard, but there was a loving extended family for Anh, his brother Khoa and their sister Tram. The happiest refugee tells the incredible, uplifting and inspiring life story of one of our favourite personalities, a story that will move and amuse all. Cost: \$35. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, University of WA. Contact: 08 6488 2433. Web: <http://www.extension.uwa.edu.au>.

21 SEPTEMBER. WORKSHOP FOR RELIGIOUS WORKING IN SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR (VIC).

The purpose of this workshop is to recognise the contribution that Religious men and women are making to the clients and the work of Catholic social services and to provide a forum for reflection and sharing on matters of common interest, particularly relating to strengthening the Catholic identity of Catholic social service organisations. 2.00 to 4.30 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5566 or esilvius@css.org.au, RSVP by 15 September. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

22 SEPTEMBER. DISCUSSION: 'A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE' (NSW).

An evening of information and discussion on why caring for the environment, climate change in particular, is important to living faith as Catholics today. Organised in conjunction with the Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Group. Organisation: Peace and Justice Committee. No cost. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, St Charles Church Hall, 582 Victoria Road, Ryde. Contact: j.spangaro@unsw.edu.au. Web: http://www.arrcc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404:wed-22-sep-2010-sydney-qa-catholic-perspective-on-climate-change&catid=36:new-south-wales&Itemid=19.

24 SEPTEMBER. ERISJ COURSE: 'ADVOCACY AND MEDIA SKILLS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE' (WA).

This Intensive provides participants with rich insights into successful advocacy and media techniques for social justice work. Presenter: Phil Glendenning. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

24 SEPTEMBER. PEACE GATHERING: 'OTHER WAYS: GROWING ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE - HOW ARE WE NURTURING A CULTURE OF PEACE IN THESE, THE BEST AND WORST OF TIMES?' (NSW).

This event is open to everyone and will be an afternoon of hearing and telling stories and building stronger networks. The evening will include a dinner and speakers: Claudette Werleigh, Secretary General of Pax Christi International and former Prime Minister

of Haiti; Sr Susan Connelly RSJ, Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission, and Azim Khamisa, Teacher of 'Achieving Peace through Forgiveness'. Cost: \$50. 1.00 to 9.00 pm, Santa Sabina College Hall, 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield. Contact: gill.burrows@ozburrows.com or 02 9922 2927, RSVP by 17 September. Web: <http://www.dbb.org.au/ourparishesandpriests/Pages/BulletinDownloads.aspx>.

25 SEPTEMBER. ECUMENICAL FORUM: 'DO GOD'S PEOPLE PROTEST TOO MUCH OR NOT ENOUGH?' (TAS).

This is organised by the Tasmanian Council of Churches' Commission for Local Ecumenical Initiatives. Speakers: Fr Claude Mostowik MSC, National President of Pax Christi; Peter Jones, Quaker; and Terry Sussmilch, Religions for Peace. 7.30 pm, Friends' Meeting House, Boa Vista Road, New Town. Contact: 03 6228 6000 or mary-anne@myself.com. Web: <http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

25 - 29 SEPTEMBER. WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION ASIA PACIFIC (WSCF AP) HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP: 'INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA AND CLIMATE CHANGE DISPLACEMENT IN THE PACIFIC' (NT).

This is hosted by the Australia Student Christian Movement (ASCM). The workshop will include an exposure trip, a potential location for this is Santa Teresa, which was originally a Catholic Mission, and reverted to Aboriginal freehold land with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act of 1972. It is now home to some 600 people, and a vibrant art community operating in conjunction with a spirituality centre, drawing together indigenous and catholic understandings. Cost: \$150. Darwin/Alice Springs. Contact: conference@ascm.org.au. Web: <http://www.ascm.org.au/conference>.

26 SEPTEMBER. CONCERT AND FILM SCREENING: 'JOURNEYS TO PALESTINE' (NSW).

Featuring Brisbane Singer songwriter Phil Monsour who recently returned from Palestine and Lebanon, He will open the event by recounting his experiences with new songs, and images taken during the APHEDA Middle East Study tour. This will be followed by the film *Hope is a Slingshot* by Inka Stafrace. Refreshments provided and drinks available. Cost: donation. 2.00 pm, Herb Greedy Hall, 79

Petersham Road, Marrickville. Contact: 0417 022 553, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.philmonsour.com/>.

28 SEPTEMBER. GLOBAL CHANGE INSTITUTE PUBLIC FORUM: FOOD SECURITY (QLD). The Global Change Institute's Food Security Public Forum is designed to present and discuss future food security challenges facing Australia and the rest of the global community. The Forum aims to discuss and identify ways to achieve a major alleviation of global hunger both now and into the future. 5.00 to 8.00 pm, The Long Room, Customs House, University of Queensland. Contact: k.henry1@uq.edu.au. Web: http://www.uq.edu.au/events/event_view.php?event_id=6725.

28 SEPTEMBER. ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' COUNCIL OF VICTORIA STATE CONFERENCE (VIC). Under the title Victoria's next Cultural Diversity Model, this conference aims to explore the political responses to multiculturalism and shine a light on those aspects that need strengthening. Sub-themes to be explored in a discussion-based format include racism and discrimination, youth identity, social cohesion, international students and interpreting and translating. Cost: \$60-\$105. 9.00 am to 4.15 pm, Melbourne Town Hall, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9349 4122 or eccv@eccv.org.au. Web: <http://www.eccv.org.au>.

29 SEPTEMBER. PRIOLETTI FORUM: 'BEYOND THE VEIL - CROSS CULTURAL FORUM, UNDERSTANDING ISLAM, THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND IMPACT ON SERVICES' (VIC). This short forum will provide participants with an understanding of the Muslim community and barriers which prevent service access. Content will include: an overview of Islam; understanding the myths and misconceptions regarding the Muslim community in Australia; customs and cultural expectations; improving cultural sensitivity; and an overview of resources available. Speaker: Mrs Manar Chelebi, Executive Officer, Australian Council for Islamic Education in Schools and Diversity Consultant. Cost: \$55. 9.45 am to 12.00 pm, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, corner of Bell Street and St Georges Road, Preston. Contact: josie@prioletticonsultants.com.au, 03

9038 9292 or 0438 846 584. Register: <http://www.prioletticonsultants.com.au>.

29 SEPTEMBER. CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY FORUM: 'POOR FELLOW MY COUNTRY: LAMENTING OUR POVERTY OF SPIRIT' (ACT). Speaker: Graeme Mundine, Executive Secretary of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. Graeme will talk about the poverty of spirit that afflicts Australia as it fails to come to grips with the place of Indigenous peoples in Australia. He will explore some of the historical factors that have led to present day poverty and disadvantage and discuss contemporary attitudes and behaviours that conspire to keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people downtrodden. Chair: Rev Gregor Henderson. Cost: \$5 donation. 7.30 pm, Wesley Music Centre, 20 National Circuit (corner of Sydney Avenue), Forrest. Contact: 02 6291 4537. Web: <http://www.ces.org.au>.

2 OCTOBER. JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONVENTION: 'CONSUMING PASSIONS' (VIC). This convention will explore if there is such a thing as ethical consumerism or is it just another marketing tool to keep people consuming the earth's resources; and what biblical and theological insights will help us. Speakers: Janette Gray RSM, theology lecturer, United Faculty of Theology, Parkville; Jane Caro, communications consultant and lecturer, Advertising Creative, School of Communication Arts, UWS; Professor Sandra Jones, Director, Centre for Health Initiatives, Wollongong University; etc. Cost: \$30, concession \$20. 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, Centre for Theology and Ministry, 1 Morrison Close, Parkville. Contact: 03 9251 5271 or jim@victas.uca.org.au. Web: <http://www.justact.org.au/category/just-stuff/>.

4 OCTOBER. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM (SA). Hawke Centre, CityWest Campus of UniSA, North Terrace, Adelaide. Cost: \$20, concession \$10. 9.30 am to 5.00 pm. Contact: 0468 542 233 or symposium@multifaithsa.org.au, RSVP by 24 September. Web: <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/sites/AdelaideYouthMinistry/media/files/4808.pdf>.

8 OCTOBER. DINNER: 'WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY' (QLD). Australian Lawyers for Human Rights and Australians Against Capital Punishment are holding this dinner with speaker David Marr, journalist and author. Cost: \$80, concession \$70. 6.30 pm, Rydges Southbank, 9 Glenelg Street, Brisbane. Contact elisa.petranich@uqconnect.edu.au, RSVP by 3 September. Web: <http://aacp.wordpress.com/>.

8 OCTOBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'AFGHANISTAN - FOR PITY'S SAKE BRING THE TROOPS HOME!' (NSW). Speakers: Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre; Patricia Garcia, Act for Peace, International Programs Director, National Council of Churches. 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. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

9 OCTOBER. WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH ECO-FESTIVAL (VIC). Eco-Fest will have a Green Market, kid's activities, discussion forums, speakers, movies, great food, Fairtrade products etc. Western Heights Uniting Church, Douglass Street, Herne Hill, Geelong. Web: http://www.arrcc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=388:sat-9-oct-2010-

[geelong-qwestern-heights-uniting-church-eco-festival.org.au/](http://www.geelong-qwestern-heights-uniting-church-eco-festival.org.au/)

10 OCTOBER. FUNDRAISER: MELBOURNE MARATHON - 'RUN FOR REFUGEES' (VIC). Make a real difference to the lives of refugees by simply walking or running 4, 10, 21 or 42km at the St George Melbourne Marathon and get people to sponsor you to raise money for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Cost: \$20-\$130. 9.00 am to 12.00 pm, Batman Avenue, near Rod Laver Arena entrance, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9864 1118 or Genevieve.dunn@imgworld.com. Web: <http://www.gofundraise.com.au/-run4refugees>.

15 OCTOBER. FUNDRAISER: MARIST YOUTH CARE (MYC) CHARITY GOLF DAY (NSW). Proceeds from the day will go towards MYC's Affordable Housing for Life Project, a social enterprise which employs at risk young people to build houses which provides them with employment, skills training and a permanent place to live, whilst also increasing the pool of community housing available for young people at risk. Cost: \$150. 7.00 am, Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge Golf Club. Contact: 02 9672 9302 or christinem@maristyc.com.au, RSVP by 8 October. Web: <http://www.northbridgegolfclub.com.au>.

News Monitor

Catholic Social Services welcomes tax benefit extension

Catholic Social Services Australia welcomed Prime Minister Julia Gillard's pledge of increased payments for young people aged 16-18 years.

Coalition aid cuts would increase pain for poor, says Caritas

Caritas Australia said that the Coalition's proposed cuts to International Development Assistance would increase the vulnerability and marginalisation of the poorest communities in the region.

Abbott pledges to maintain tax exemption for charities

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott said a Coalition Government would safeguard the tax-exempt status of charities.

Caritas facing challenges to deliver aid to Pakistan flood victims

Caritas reported that relief efforts for flood victims in Pakistan were being hampered by high waters making communities accessible only on foot.

Don't let social services suffer, said CSSA
Catholic Social Services Australia called on both major political parties to guarantee that services will not have to be sacrificed to provide fair wages to workers in the social and community services sector.

CSSA welcomes NFP reform, calls for mental health action

Catholic Social Services Australia's director Frank Quinlan welcomed Prime Minister Julia Gillard's plan to cut red tape within the not-for-profit sector.

Greens closer to Christian ideals than Cardinal Pell, said Bob Brown

The Greens leader Senator Bob Brown said Cardinal George Pell's views did not represent mainstream Christian thinking, and that the Greens' policies were closer to Christian ideals than the Cardinal's ideas.

Compassion needed for homelessness, said Social Justice Council

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council called on political parties to address homelessness in Australia with commitment and compassion, saying methods used to forcibly remove an Indigenous community raised questions about the current political resolve.

New toolkit to help fight domestic squalor
Catholic Community Services launched a new tool kit designed to help in handling domestic squalor.

Jesuits open new shelter in Manly and launch Pakistan appeal

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia opened a large new shelter in Sydney's Manly, which will house asylum seekers and offer a temporary place to live for those already granted protection visas.

Bipartisan welfare crackdown condemned

Youth off the Streets founder Father Chris Riley was "devastated" by an election welfare crackdown by Labor and the Coalition, saying Labor's move to suspend welfare for missed appointments will lead to increased crime.

CSSA calls for independent commission on welfare

An Independent Entitlements Commission to recommend the level of payments that provide a basic income was needed, said Catholic Social Services Australia.

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Social Justice Calendar

- 1 WED** National Wattle Day
Biodiversity Month
National Landcare Week commences
- 2 THUR** Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act, 1991
- 5 SUN 23rd** Sunday in Ordinary Time
Death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997
Fathers Day
- 7 TUE** National Threatened Species Day (last Tasmanian tiger in captivity died in Hobart Zoo, 1936)

- 8 WED** Birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus (Feast)
International Literacy Day
- 11 SAT** Terrorist attack on New York and Washington DC, 2001
- 12 SUN 24th** Sunday in Ordinary Time
Death of Steve Biko, 1977
- 14 TUE** Triumph of the Cross (Feast)
- 15 WED** UN International Day of Democracy
Racial Hatred Act, Australia, 1995

16 THU International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

18 SAT Death of Dag Hammarskjold, 1961

19 SUN 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 TUE UN International Day of Peace

23 THU Australian Consumers Association launched, 1959

26 SUN 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Social Justice Sunday

27 MON Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul
Aung San Suu Kyi (Burma) forms National League for Democracy, 1988

28 TUE Death of John Pat in Roeburne Prison WA, 1983, initiated the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

30 THUR World Maritime Day
Racial Discrimination Act proclaimed, Australia, 1975

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, or call 02 8306 3499.

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