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Dear Friends

As Social Justice Sunday approaches, now is the time to place your orders for the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice 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](#).

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 24 September. The title of this year's Social Justice Statement is 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'.

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Chairman of the ACSJC, reflects on the many factors inspiring the Bishops' call for a new approach in our nation's policy that ensures an economy that serves all people, now and for future generation.

'This Statement is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and by the unwavering vision of Pope Francis: that the most vulnerable and excluded are the ones who need to take first place in our hearts and in our actions as individuals and as a society. ... our Pope draws on Christ's message of love and ministry to the poor. He also draws on the wisdom of his predecessors, Popes Benedict and John Paul II, and on a tradition that stretches back to Pope Leo XIII in the 19th century.

'Another source of inspiration was the major research project that culminated 25 years ago in the 1992 Statement by Australia's Catholic Bishops, *Common Wealth for the Common Good*. In that Statement the Bishops warned of growing household poverty and employment insecurity. Most importantly, they stressed that the economy is something that exists not for its own sake but for the benefit of an entire society.

'Over the two and a half decades since *Common Wealth for the Common Good*, Australia has been blessed by a period of uninterrupted growth. We are a far richer nation than we were 25 years ago. Yet there are still too many among us for whom this wealth remains a dream. Hundreds of thousands of people find themselves in poverty even though they have a job. Meanwhile, for those who depend on welfare payments, life has been made far harder.

'Our Indigenous sisters and brothers continue to be over-represented in key areas of disadvantage, including life expectancy, illness and imprisonment.

'For many Australians, the spectre of homelessness is becoming too real. In major cities and towns the prospect of buying or even renting a home is moving out of reach, even for those with decent jobs. Emerging groups such as older Australians, particularly women, are at risk of becoming homeless,' Bishop Long says.

The Statement draws in the wisdom of Popes Benedict XVI and Francis as they have assessed the impact of the Global Financial Crisis, to propose some key principles for a more inclusive economy, including: the wellbeing of people and nature must be a key consideration of economic activity; governments have

a key role to regulate and direct economic activity; social equity must be built into the heart of the economy.

‘The ideas behind our Social Justice Statement for this year find strong support among international scholars and policy makers. The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, and the vision of inclusive growth and shared prosperity, reinforce our call for a society in which justice and equity are foundational to the economy, not afterthoughts,’ the Bishop says.

Order forms, associated resources and information about the Social Justice Statement can be found on the ACSJC [website](#).

Here is an entry for your parish bulletin or school newsletter:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘Everyone’s Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy’. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

I am grateful for any of efforts of your part to promote this Statement and the celebration of Social Justice Sunday on 24 September.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues/Resources September 2017

2017 ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

Anti-Poverty week will run from 15 to 21 October, coinciding with the United Nations International Day to End Poverty on 17 October. The aims of the Week are to: strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organizations and governments. You can find ideas for activities [here](#) and information about what happened last year during Anti-Poverty Week [here](#). Promotional material to publicise the week throughout your networks can be found [here](#). If you would or any of your network would like hard copies of the national poster, the two sided A4 flyer or the postcard, please contact the Anti-Poverty Week team at: coordinator@antipovertyweek.org.au

2017 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Renewing his message of solidarity with the world’s poor, Pope Francis has issued a call for concrete deeds to mark the first World Day of the Poor, to be observed on 19 November 2017. The World Day of the Poor is an initiative Pope Francis promoted following the Jubilee of Mercy ‘so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s charity for the least and those most in need. The Pope writes, ‘If we want to help change history and promote real development, we need to hear the cry of the poor and commit ourselves to ending their marginalisation.’ The Holy Father’s message for the first World Day of the Poor can be accessed [here](#).

NEW REPORT: 'Budget Standards: A new healthy living minimum income standard for low-paid and unemployed Australians'

Peter Saunders and Megan Bedford of UNSW's Social Policy Research Centre have produced a new report revealing that the Newstart Allowance received by people looking for work falls well below the minimum income required to achieve a basic standard of living. The report shows that for individuals, single parents and couples with and without children who are reliant on income support, Australia's social safety net is shockingly inadequate, falling short of what's required for the most basic standard of living by between \$47 and \$126 a week. The Australian Council for Social Service and Catholic Social Services Australia are calling for an immediate increase Newstart to help alleviate dire levels of poverty and for the establishment of an independent commission to advise government on the appropriate level of welfare payments to ensure people can have access to basic requirements. To read a summary, visit [here](#). To download the full report, visit [here](#).

ACROSS SECTOR STATEMENT: 'STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET. STOP TEARING IT APART.'

Leaders from the community sector, including the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, Catholic Social Services Australia and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, have condemned repeated attacks by the federal government on people living in poverty. 'We condemn this government's latest attempts to dismantle Australia's social safety net by cutting income support payments for people already living below the poverty line. We are a wealthy country and we should take pride in treating each other with dignity. We should take pride in maintaining and strengthening our social safety net for everyone when they need it most.' This is a call on parliament to stop cutting the incomes of people who have the least, and to oppose legislation that demonises those the safety net is designed to support. To strengthen the social safety net, government should 'begin by lifting allowance payments by at least \$55 per week to give people in need a helping hand, rather than pushing them over.' To read and lend your support to the statement, visit [here](#).

UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

In mid-August, UN Special Rapporteur Professor Philip Alston delivered the 2017 AHRCentre Annual Lecture. The theme: 'Why does it matter if others have more? How extreme inequality and poverty violate human rights'. He spoke of how inequality in both wealth and income has reached record levels in many countries and is growing. It threatens the foundations of democracy, along with many of the human rights that we take for granted. In responding to the poverty that accompanies this extreme inequality, governments are often more concerned with finding novel ways to stigmatize those living in poverty than in crafting solutions. What can the human rights movement, which has so far had little to say about such matters, offer in response? Listen to Philip Alston's address at the UNSW website, [here](#).

REPORT: 'DEFENDING DEMOCRACY'

The Human Rights Law centre says the independent voice of civil society is at risk. The report, 'Defending Democracy: Safeguarding independent community voices' highlights how in recent years the ability of community organisations to engage in activism and advocacy work has been threatened by new laws and practices which are slowly but surely eroding their independent voice. The report considers the impact of such things as funding agreements prohibiting organisations from speaking publicly on political issues, the defunding of outspoken peak civil society bodies, and attacks on individuals who speak out critically against government policies, as was the case of Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission. This report makes recommendations to defend

the space in which we civil society contributes and speaks out on the matters of public importance. The report can be accessed [here](#).

CONCERNED AUSTRALIANS: STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE END OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERVENTION.

A large group of eminent Australians has issued a statement on the continuing damage caused by the discrimination, racism and lack of justice towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, exemplified by the continuation of the Northern Territory Intervention. The signatories support the recent demands by Northern Territory Elders for an immediate repeal of the Intervention measures, some of which were strengthened and extended for ten years in 2012, by the misleadingly renamed 'Stronger Futures' legislation. They call on the Australian government to heed the call for an immediate end to the Intervention policies, to respect and negotiate with Indigenous people in good faith, demonstrating proper duty of care and allowing all First Nations of Australia the right to self-determination. To read the statement, visit [here](#).

ANTaR's 'LEARNING MORE' PROGRAM

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation Qld has produced a self-guided education program aimed at helping you to listen and learn more. It gives a very basic level of knowledge and engagement with the heritage, culture and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. It is a self-led program that can be completed as quickly or as slowly as needed. This program is an excellent opportunity for non-Indigenous Australians who would like to understand and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to support their struggle for justice. To find out more, visit [here](#).

REFUGEE COUNCIL: 'TIME FOR COMPASSION – NOT MORE CRUELTY'

The Australian Government's decision to withdraw all support from vulnerable people seeking asylum is 'savage and cruel', says CEO of the Refugee Council of Australia, Paul Power. Within days, hundreds of people who were brought to Australia from the Nauru and Manus Island detention centres for health reasons will have meagre yet critical support cut completely. 'To threaten vulnerable people, including children, with denial of accommodation, health care and basic life-giving support is savage and cruel,' Mr Power said. 'These are people who need our help, people who were brought to Australia because of acute health needs. They have fled persecution in their homelands, have suffered greatly under the government's detention policy and now face destitution and homelessness.' To read the statement, visit [here](#).

REPORT: 'UNWELCOME VISITORS: CHALLENGES FACED BY PEOPLE VISITING IMMIGRATION DETENTION'

The Refugee Council has released a new report, 'Unwelcome Visitors' which highlights how in recent years, people who visit immigration detention have experienced changes to rules and practices that have limited access for visits. The Council, through its Detention Research Project, has interviewed visitors from across Australia to identify and record those challenges, and to make recommendations for addressing them. The report also records the significant role people who visit immigration detention make to those in detention. They play a critical role in supporting these most vulnerable people. To access the report, visit [here](#).

RESOURCE: 'ENGAGE HEARTS AND MINDS: A TOOLKIT FOR REFUGEE ACTION'

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) has produced a toolkit that includes a range of resources to equip parishes, workplaces and local community groups to get involved in seeking justice

for refugees and asylum seekers. The toolkit provides methods for shifting community attitudes towards people seeking asylum through activities including 'Circles of Silence', '#RightTrack Community Conversations' and 'meetings with members of parliament'. To download the toolkit, visit [here](#).

EDMUNDRICE CENTRE: The Responsibility to Protect

The Edmund Rice Centre has identified further evidence that Afghan refugees and people seeking asylum should not be forcibly returned to Afghanistan, as part of its long-running *Deported to Danger* research project. The latest report, *The Responsibility to Protect*, challenges Australia's most recent deportations to Afghanistan and concludes that it would be impossible for Australian, European and other governments to guarantee the safety of Afghan returnees. Afghanistan is facing significant challenges, and the security situation has deteriorated substantially since a Memorandum of Understanding, which allows for the forcible deportation of Afghan citizens, was signed between Australia and Afghanistan in 2011. The report's revelations are especially relevant as the Manus Island processing facility will close by 31 October 2017 and the Turnbull Government has also announced that 7500 people seeking asylum in Australia have until 1 October to apply for protection or face deportation. Access the report [here](#).

UNHCR's 2016 Global Trends: 'FORCED DISPLACEMENT'

The latest Global Trends reveals that, at the end of 2016, there were 65.6 million people forcibly displaced worldwide – some 300,000 more than a year earlier. This total represents an enormous number of people needing protection worldwide. Refugee numbers at 22.5 million are the highest ever seen. Those displaced inside their own countries number 40.3 million. And asylum seekers number 2.8 million. Of the 65.6 million people forcibly displaced globally, 10.3 million became displaced in 2016. This equates to one person becoming displaced every 3 seconds – less than the time it takes to read this sentence. Access the report [here](#).

#EndChildDetention PETITION

The Campaign to End Child Detention is seeking signatures on its petition that will be presented to local, national, regional, and global policy makers as the campaign continues to advocate for the rights of children. The petition reads: 'I sign this petition to support the Global Campaign to End Child Detention. Consistent with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, detaining a child on the basis of their, or their parents migration status is a child rights violation. I urge states to take the lead and end child detention'. Take action, sign the petition today, and get 5 of your closest friends and family to do the same! Visit [here](#) to sign on.

SIGN THE LAUDATO SI' PLEDGE

In June 2015, Pope Francis released his historic encyclical *Laudato Si'*. He calls 'every person living on this planet' to start a dialogue and begin to transform our hearts and communities to stop the warming of the planet and curb greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat the climate crisis. Following the second Anniversary of his encyclical, Pope Francis himself endorsed the Laudato Si' Pledge campaign. This is a global campaign by the Global Catholic Climate Movement and its member organisations to raise awareness of the encyclical's message and to encourage the Catholic community to take action with the urgency required by the climate crisis. To sign up, visit [here](#)

LAW COUNCIL: 'THE JUSTICE PROJECT'

The Law Council of Australia is undertaking a comprehensive national review into the state of access to justice in Australia. The Justice Project is focusing on justice barriers facing those with significant social

and economic disadvantage, as well as identifying what is working to reduce those barriers. An overarching consultation paper and 13 issues papers relating to individual groups have been released and the Law Council is also taking the Project on the road to gather evidence. They are calling for submissions and stories from organisations and individuals that identify or work with the 13 identified priority groups. To find out more, access papers and to get involved, visit the Justice Project Website [here](#).



ACSJC Publications September 2017

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017-2018 – ORDER NOW

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form, letter from the President of the Bishops Conference and summary material are available on the ACSJC website, [here](#).

Complementary Resources

The ACSJC website will have resources available for download free of charge before Social Justice Sunday. They will include Social Justice Sunday Liturgy Notes, a PowerPoint presentation and community and education resources.

Prayer Cards and 'Ten Steps' leaflets can be ordered from the ACSJC on (02) 8306 3499 or by email: admin@acsjc.org.au

Promotion

The Bishops would welcome promotion of the Statement in the weeks leading up to Social Justice Sunday. A possible entry in your parish bulletin or newsletter could be:

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SERIES PAPER 80 – 'THE Human FACE OF HOMELESSNESS'

This paper is written by Liz de Chastel, Director of Social Policy, and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services Australia. In this paper they examine the realities of life for the more than 100,000 Australians who find themselves without accommodation. Homelessness has particularly severe impacts on children and on older people, especially older women; on people living with mental illness; and on Indigenous Australians. The Catholic bishops of Australia are making homelessness a particular focus of the Church's mission. This paper asks why so many people are homeless in our rich nation. It looks at some of the many ways in which the Catholic Church is working to help Australians who need suitable housing, and it asks what more the Church can do to respond to the call of Jesus regarding those most in need. To find out more and to order, visit [here](#).

PASTORAL LETTER – FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2017

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2015 is entitled *The Right to Work – Our shared responsibility*. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen draws on the words of St Pope John Paul II, when he visited Australia in 1986, to argue for just wages and conditions of work, adequacy in the support and dignified treatment of people who are unemployed, and for the shared responsibility of the community to shoulder the costs and burdens of job creation ensuring the right to work for all. It is available for download [here](#).

DISCUSSION GUIDE: WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 2017

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has issued a discussion guide for the annual Message for the World Day of Peace from Pope Francis. The theme of this year's Message is *Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace*. In it Pope Francis confronts the global violence that amounts to 'a horrifying world war fought piecemeal'. He holds up the example of Jesus himself, who walked the path of nonviolence 'to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility'. The Pope also reminds us of the many triumphs of nonviolent activism, including St Teresa of Calcutta and St John Paul II's heroic involvement in the downfall of European Communist regimes. The discussion guide is available in print and online [here](#).

SERIES PAPER 79 – 'Human Trafficking and Slavery: A response from Australian Catholics'

This paper is written by Christine Carolan, Executive Officer of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) and Sr Noelene Simmons SM, NSW Regional Co-ordinator for ACRATH. It describes the forms that slavery and related crimes take in the modern world, the Church's teaching on and response to slavery and other forms of exploitation, and the international and Australian laws that deal with slavery. It also describes the work of organisations committed to combating slavery and helping its victims – in particular, ACRATH's efforts to educate Australians, to advocate on behalf of victims, and to work with similar organisations here and overseas to shut down human trafficking and help its victims. The paper discusses particular problems faced by those who experience trafficking and exploitation, including people who may be subject to forced marriage. It also gives suggestions for people interested in supporting the work of ACRATH and similar organisations. To find out more and to order, visit [here](#).

BUILDING BRIDGES

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

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

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



News Monitor September 2017

[Jobless safety net failing those in need](#)

24-Aug-2017

New figures show Australians on unemployment benefits can't afford weekly basic necessities, sparking calls for an independent mechanism to set payment levels, the

ABC reports.

[Racism a sin: US Bishops](#)

24-Aug-2017

The US Bishops have established a new committee to tackle what they describe as an “urgent need” to address “the sin of racism” in the country, Catholic News Service reports.

[South Sudan cathedral sheltering 10,000 displaced people](#)

21-Aug-2017

As the civil war in South Sudan heightens, thousands of people have found shelter at St Mary Help of Christian's Cathedral in Wau, the country's second largest city, CNA reports.

[Bishops condemn Duterte's war on drugs](#)

21-Aug-2017

Bishops in the Philippines expressed serious concerns after the Duterte administration's bloody crackdown on the drug trade that claimed thousands of lives had its deadliest week, CBCPNews reports.

[New trials planned for welfare cashless cards](#)

18-Aug-2017

The Turnbull government's cashless welfare card scheme will have two new trial sites to be announced within weeks, news.com.au reports.

[Bishops focus on threat to oceans](#)

17-Aug-2017

Church leaders from Oceania, meeting in New Zealand to discuss protecting the oceans, also served meals to the homeless and met with Pacific Islander high school students, CNS reports.

[Liberal MP breaks ranks over refugees](#)

17-Aug-2017

Liberal backbencher Russell Broadbent has called on the government to resettle refugees from Nauru and Manus Island once the deal with US runs its course, Sky News reports.

[Government calls on big business to combat slavery](#)

17-Aug-2017

Large companies operating in Australia will be forced to publicly detail every year what they are doing to combat modern slavery, under a new proposal from the federal government, The Guardian reports.

[Young offenders come face-to-face with victims](#)

16-Aug-2017

A new Jesuit program in Darwin sees young offenders meet with the victims of their crimes as an alternative to being jailed, ABC News reports.

[Tent city dwellers back on the street](#)

15-Aug-2017

About a dozen people from the disbanded homeless tent city in Martin Place are again sleeping rough in Sydney just days after striking a deal for more suitable accommodation, 9news.com.au reports

[Government 'playing politics with people's lives'](#)

11-Aug-2017

The death of a 31-year old man in immigration detention on Manus Island should finally force the federal government's hand to bring asylum-seekers to Australia, says the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA).

[Make recognition the priority: Pearson](#)

11-Aug-2017

Indigenous leader Noel Pearson is calling for a national vote on Indigenous recognition to be prioritised over other constitutional reform propositions, news.com.au reports.

[Agencies condemn plan to drug test welfare recipients](#)

09-Aug-2017

Crossbench senators and MPs should join Labor in opposing the Turnbull government's proposed drug testing of welfare recipients, according to a statement released yesterday by three Church social service agencies

[More women couch surfing and sleeping in cars](#)

08-Aug-2017

Couch surfing among older women has almost doubled over the past four years and there has been a similar rise in the number of older women sleeping in cars, ABC News reports.

[Asylum-seeker dies on Manus Island](#)

08-Aug-2017

Iranian asylum seeker Hamed Shamshiripou has been identified as the man who was found dead at Manus Island yesterday, The Australian reports.

[Bishop and refugees 'have something in common'](#)

04-Aug-2017

Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv recently held a deeply moving meeting with refugees from Iraq and Syria who fled ISIS, Catholic Outlook reports.

[Jesuit project to support 'bookends of injustice'](#)

03-Aug-2017

The Australian Jesuits have announced a new project which aims to bring together concerns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and asylum-seekers. Provincial Fr Brian McCoy explains on the Australian Jesuits website.

[New agency offers help and friendship to the needy](#)

03-Aug-2017

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has launched a new agency to support the disadvantaged and marginalised in the region, Aurora magazine reports.

[Adani coal mine 'makes no sense'](#)

03-Aug-2017

Church advocates were among scores of anti-coalmine protesters that forced the front doors to close at Brisbane’s main branch of the Commonwealth Bank last week, The Catholic Leader reports.

[Vatican promotes ‘responsible’ tourism](#)

02-Aug-2017

The Vatican has urged tourists to remember the human person and the environment in their travels, treating people and things with respect, CNA reports.

[Service providers ‘hostile’ to refugees](#)

01-Aug-2017

Refugees settled in Australia are being treated with disrespect by federal service providers and having their welfare payments unfairly docked, according to a new report by the Refugee Council of Australia, ABC News reports.

[Housing crisis a moral issue: Vinnies](#)

01-Aug-2017

A petition launched last year by the St Vincent de Paul Society has forced the NSW parliament to discuss a proposal to address the state’s affordable housing crisis, the Catholic Weekly reports.

[Pope calls for end to ‘modern slavery’](#)

31-Jul-2017

Pope Francis is urging the world to show a greater commitment to fighting human trafficking, Crux reports.

- courtesy [CathNews](#)



Social Justice Diary September 2017

September 2017

		<u>National Biodiversity Month</u> – Australia
1	Fri	<u>National Wattle Day</u> 1815: <u>Founding of Sisters of Charity by Mary Aikenhead</u>
2	Sat	1991: <u>Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act passed by Parliament</u>

3	Sun	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day
4	Mon	National Child Protection Week
5	Tue	International Day of Charity 1997: Death of St Teresa of Calcutta 2013: The Convention Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers came into force
6	Wed	
7	Thu	National Threatened Species Day 1936: Death in Hobart Zoo of last Tasmanian tiger in captivity
8	Fri	International Literacy Day
9	Sat	
10	Sun	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Child Protection Sunday World Suicide Prevention Day
11	Mon	2001: Terrorist attacks on New York and Washington DC, causing nearly 3000 deaths
12	Tue	1977: Death of anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko
13	Wed	2007: Adoption by UN of Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
14	Thu	1981: Pope John Paul II's encyclical Laborem Exercens ('On Human Work')
15	Fri	International Day of Democracy READ MORE ↓
16	Sat	International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer

17	Sun	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18	Mon	1961: Death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld
19	Tue	
20	Wed	
21	Thu	International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day READ MORE ↓ Rosh Ha-shana (Jewish New Year)
22	Fri	
23	Sat	1959: Launch of Australian Consumers Association
24	Sun	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Social Justice Sunday READ MORE ↓
25	Mon	
26	Tue	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
27	Wed	World Tourism Day St Vincent de Paul 1988: Formation of Burma's National League for Democracy by Aung San Suu Kyi
28	Thu	St Wenceslas World Maritime Day 1872: Birth of David Unaipon, Aboriginal writer and activist READ MORE ↓

		1983: Death of John Pat in Roeburne Prison WA, prompting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
29	Fri	
30	Sat	<u>Yom Kippur</u> (Jewish Day of Atonement) 1975: <u>Proclamation of Australia's Racial Discrimination Act</u>