

# ACSJC Monthly Briefing November 2017 No 195



## From the Secretariat November 2017

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of November, the wheels of consumerism are already turning our minds to Christmas – ‘What will we buy?’ ‘How and where will we spend our cash?’

The intrusive advertising, the conspicuous affluence and consumerist binge at this time of year can so easily obscure the Season of Advent and reduce the true meaning of Christmas. In the process, the poor and marginalised members of our society are so easily forgotten.

### **World Day of the Poor**

As we approach the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, Pope Francis has instituted a new ‘World day of the Poor’ which, this year, will be celebrated on Sunday 19 November. In his message for the day, Pope Francis says he wants the annual event to be a ‘powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel.’

His message is entitled, [\*Let us love, not with words but with deeds.\*](#)

This is a good reminder not to forget the poor and dispossessed as our families start to plan for the end-of-year festivities.

‘We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people’s needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true *encounter* with the poor and a *sharing* that becomes a way of life.’

The Pope warns of a growing divide of wealth and an indifference in contemporary culture to the plight of the poor.

‘Even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society.’

He says that ‘if we want to help change history and promote real development, we need to hear the cry of the poor and commit to ending their marginalisation’.

And, if it is a good global citizen, Australia must remember its responsibility to asylum seekers, many of whom have been determined to be refugees, who languish in third country detention facilities that Australia has constructed, sent people to and run.

These words Pope Francis speaks about poverty remind us of the kind of troubles and fears these people fled to seek asylum. He says that ‘poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalisation, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and

dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration.’

We must remember the more than 600 men on Manus Island who remain in fear for their safety in a facility that Australian authorities have now abandoned. The desperate poverty that Pope Francis describes captures the nature of the circumstances they fled as well as some of the conditions they have endured in Australia-run facilities. The immigration policy of recent Governments would like to keep us ignorant of what occurs on Manus and Nauru, and avert our gaze from the ‘faces marked by suffering’. The very least Australia owes these men is the guarantee of safety and the opportunity to resettle in Australia or a suitable other country.

### **Anti-Poverty Week**

On 18 October, during Anti-Poverty Week, Catholic Social Services Australia launched a new paper in the *Catholic Social Justice Series* by Joe Zabar – ‘[An Economy that Works for All.](#)’

This paper adds to the work of the Bishops recent Social Justice Statement by identifying the structural causes of poverty and structural solutions to the failure of our economy to serve all people. It is fitting that it is released at a time when Pope Francis is calling on us to help change history and to promote real development.

Speaking at the launch at Parliament House in Canberra, Fr Frank Brennan said our economy and the policy settings that support it are in need of a significant overhaul.

‘Far too many people have been left behind, denied access to economic prosperity and the opportunity and the hope it brings ... Rather than continually trying to help these people to play catch up, we want to help bring about change to ensure they are not left behind in the first place.’

The paper calls for:

- The establishment of an independent commission to ensure adequate income support payments
- A strengthening of the tax and transfer system to ensure progressivity and adequate social service
- The establishment of a new national accord between government, civil society and business
- The public release of government economic modelling of budgetary measures that affect the economic wellbeing of Australians, especially the poorest
- The creation of a new position on the RBA Board concerned with the impact of monetary policy on the poorest and most marginalised in our society.

As Fr Frank said at this [launch](#) in Anti-Poverty Week, ‘Continuing with the same economic and social policy settings will exacerbate the already growing divide between the rich and the poor and eventually damage the economy to such an extent that it has a detrimental effect on everyone.’

### **Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy**

Both the papers by Catholic Social Services Australia and the Bishops own Social Justice Statement, [Everyone’s Business](#), are relevant for the World Day of the Poor and will assist us in responding to Pope Francis’ call to help change history and promote real development.

The helpful [Ten Steps](#) leaflet accompanying the Statement gives very practical suggestions for exploring issues of poverty and taking action to create a more inclusive economy at the service of all.

The bishops have said, 'If an economy does not work for the most disadvantaged of our sisters and brothers, it is not working as it should.'

The bishops have asked us to be particularly mindful of low-paid and vulnerable workers in an insecure labour market, of income support recipients on poverty-level payments, of the homeless and those in insecure housing, and of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander citizens who are over-represented on all measures of disadvantage. Given the current crisis on Manus Island, we must also add those 600 or more men who are at great risk as a result of Australia's immigration policy. This policy has undermined the human rights of some of the most vulnerable people of our world – and at great financial expense to the Australian tax-payer.

They are clear and strong in their call for a new approach:

'When it comes to the social justice of the entire economic system, we draw on new understandings of human development from economics and social policy that emphasise how the wellbeing of humans and all of creation must be an economy's central purpose.

'The Church has been part of a global movement for "inclusive growth". It is not just about improving sections of the economy that have failed the poor. It is not about continually picking up people who have fallen through the system and placing them back into a market place that cast them aside in the first place.

'We call for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and ... engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth.'

We all have a part to play in building an economy that is at the service of all, with a special concern for the poor.

On 19 November, Pope Francis is inviting all people to 'turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. ... This *Day* is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter.'

John Ferguson  
(National Executive Officer)



## Current Issues/Resources November 2017

### **REFUGEE COUNCIL: AUSTRALIA MUST GUARANTEE PEACE ON MANUS**

As Australia's self-imposed deadline for the closure of the Manus Island detention centre approached, the Refugee Council of Australia called for Government assurance of peace for detainees. Phil Glendenning, President of the Council said, 'The Australian Government has had five years to develop a sustainable resolution to a problem of its own making. Manus is a powder keg today and we are calling on Acting Prime Minister Bishop to guarantee peace for the detainees – the majority of whom are recognised as refugees – and for the surrounding community. ... Australia created this problem, and while the obvious solution has always been to bring these people to Australia and fairly process their claims, consecutive Governments have utterly failed to

deliver a sustainable plan for those trapped in this damaging limbo. ... It is high time that our government begin to make amends for the atrocious treatment of these innocent people, and they should start by bringing them to safety immediately and helping them to start putting their lives back together.' Find out more [here](#).

### **JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES: MEN ON MANUS ISLAND DESERVE SANCTUARY IN AUSTRALIA**

'More than 600 men are directly impacted by the closure of the Manus Island detention centre today, and are now unreasonably expected to relocate to another situation of danger,' says Jesuit Social Services Acting CEO Sally Parnell. 'The Federal Government has subjected these vulnerable people – many of whom have escaped trauma and persecution in their home countries – to needless punishment at the expense of finding a durable solution, despite the men being in Australia's care. ...

These men must be given the opportunity to resettle in Australia or a suitable alternate country. Find out more [here](#).

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA: #EvacuateNow**

Fr Frank Brennan of Catholic Social Services Australia says we Australians have a humanitarian crisis on our doorstep on Manus Island and it's our fault. We need to do something about it right now! 600 men have been in the processing centre for over four years and we now have a situation where their safety is at risk. Fr Frank says the Mr Turnbull and Mr Dutton have known for 14 months that this day would come. We have to do something about it now. He calls this a humanitarian disgrace. To watch the video message, 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 had until 1 October to apply for protection or face deportation. Access the report [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](#).

### **POLL: VOTERS SUPPORT FAMILY REUNION FOR REFUGEES**

The vast majority of Australians support the reunion of refugee families separated around the world, according to a new poll. A ReachTEL survey of 1,958 people, commissioned by Jesuit Social Services and the Refugee Council of Australia, found that 75 per cent of overall respondents answered 'yes' or 'yes – but only after appropriate background checks' when asked whether refugee families separated across

the world should be reunited. 'These results show us that the overwhelming majority of the Australian public believe that refugees living in the community should have greater access to family reunion,' says Jesuit Social Services CEO Julie Edwards. Refugee Council CEO Paul Power says both major parties should commit to allocating at least 5,000 visas under the family stream of the Migration Program for refugee and humanitarian entrants. Find out more [here](#).

### **QUEENSLAND BISHOPS CALL FOR GREATER CARE OF CREATION**

Bishop Timothy Harris, Catholic Bishop of Townsville, and Bishop William Ray, Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, have issued a joint statement calling for the 'Care of Our Common Home: "Sister Earth".' 'As Christians and people of the world, every one of us has been called to care for the gift of creation both today and for future generations. ... For Christians, this care for our common home, is not an optional or secondary aspect of our daily living, rather it is an essential part of our faith.' They highlight major social and environmental issues of North Queensland including major risks to the Great Barrier Reef, the Artesian Basin which is threatened by mega-mining developments especially in the Galilee Basin, increases in land-clearing across the state, and the environmental, social and economic fallout that occurs when there is a power-imbalance between big business, government and local communities. The joint statement can be found [here](#).

### **LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION – A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Mission and Australian Catholic University (ACU), are delighted to [announce](#) a joint initiative to deliver a specialised leadership program for women in the Catholic Church. *Leadership for Mission* is an initiative that has been specifically developed *by* women and *for* women who are inspired by the Gospel vision of justice, freedom and the dignity of the human person. This graduate program is a sponsored, two-year, part time program commencing in February 2018. It is structured across four residential sessions in North Sydney and supported through ACU's online learning management system. Applications are being sought from women across Australia aged between the ages of 25–35, with diverse personal and professional experiences. Applications close on 26 November. For more information contact: Ms Andrea Dean, Director, National Office for the Participation of Women, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au)

### **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](#).

### **CALL FOR RENEWED SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES**

As Australia prepared to take its seat on the UN Human Rights Council, the 'Redfern Statement Alliance Leaders' met to discuss its relationship with the Australian Government. In 2008 there was bi-partisan

support for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples to be an elected voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. Co-Chair Jackie Huggins said, 'National Congress is an elected body with more members than some of the major political parties. Although our relationship has improved with Government, it has been through minor contract work and is ineffective.' Co-Chair Rod Little said, 'National Congress is strongly committed to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.' The Redfern Statement Alliance Leaders call on Prime Minister Turnbull to invest in the National Congress as a lead Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisation. Find out more [here](#).

#### **DVD: GOSPEL LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHAOS**

The DVD of the Broken Bay Institute's 13th National eConference, *Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis*, is now available for purchase on DVD for \$29.95, with free postage (in Australia). Prominent international and national speakers and panellists reflected upon these turbulent times and discussed them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. Orders will take no longer than one week to process. The last week to order for Christmas delivery is Monday 11 December. Orders after this date will be delivered in the new year. Visit [here to order](#).

#### **ICAN AWARDED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

On 6 October, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced its decision to award the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017. The [Committee said](#), 'the organisation is receiving the award for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons.' Setsuko Thurlow, a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, will jointly accept this year's Nobel Peace Prize with Beatrice Fihn on behalf of ICAN at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo on 10 December. To find out more about ICAN's work in Australia, visit [here](#).

#### **REPORT: 'POSITIVE PEACE REPORT 2017'**

Why do some countries emerge from conflicts into peaceful societies, while others continue to exist in a highly fragile state? Understanding this question can help guide government expenditure to better create resilient societies, able to withstand internal and external shocks. The Positive Peace Report analyses the factors associated with changes in peacefulness and how they differ across different types of societies. The analysis is crucial to building a framework for creating higher rates of development, and more peaceful societies. The aim of fostering peaceful societies is more than just an ideal for humanity - there are real economic benefits to be gained from a more peaceful world. To download the report, visit [here](#).

#### **REPORT: 'Sustainable Development Goal 16: Progress Report, 2017'**

On International Day of Peace, 21 September, the Institute for Economics & Peace issued a Progress Report which focuses on how to practically measure Sustainable Development Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions. The full objective of this goal is to 'promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels'. The report provides background on why SDG16 is important, its relationship to Positive Peace and some methodological foundations for the progress report. It provides summaries of the global performance of each of the 12 targets. It includes 163 country progress reports that provide

summary figures on the data availability, relative performance of each SDG16 indicator relative to other countries and where available trend data on each indicator. Access the report [here](#).

#### **REPORT: 'AUSTRALIA'S WELFARE 2017'**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has just released its 13th biennial welfare report. While Australia continues to perform well in many measures of wellbeing – such as health, environmental quality and civic engagement – we don't do as well when it comes to other key measures such as 'work-life balance' and Indigenous disadvantage. The report provides an authoritative overview of the wellbeing of Australians, examining a wide range of relevant topics including home ownership across the generations, welfare spending and workforce participation, welfare services and areas of need, education and employment. Access the report [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 November 2017**

##### **ORDER NOW! – 2018 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY**

The 2018 Social Justice Diary includes the dates of significant events, anniversaries and special days which celebrate particular aspects of social justice. The Diary provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. A great Christmas gift. Diaries will be available from late November. Cost: \$7.50 (including postage). To download an order form, [click here](#).

#### **SERIES PAPER 81 – 'AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL'**

This paper examines Australia's economic policies and their effect on the most vulnerable and expands on themes in the Australian bishops' 2017–18 Social Justice Statement. 'An Economy that Works for All' discusses the serious effects of growing inequality, described by the International Monetary Fund as 'the defining challenge of our time'. Author Joe Zabar, of Catholic Social Services Australia, also summarises the history behind Australia's current economic policies and the responses of internationally recognised economists and institutions. He proposes ways in which marginalised and excluded Australians can be helped to share in the fruits of our prosperity. To find out more and to order, visit [here](#).

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017–2018**

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'Everyone's

Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. PDF and Word versions of the Statement as well as a range of print and multimedia resources are available on the ACSJC website, [here](#).

#### **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](#).

#### **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. 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 November 2017

### [Starving children sacrificed on the altar of money: Pope](#)

24-Oct-2017

Starving children around the world today are innocent victims sacrificed upon the altar of the god of money because of humanity's greed and attachment to wealth, Pope Francis said, reports CNS.

### [Manus detainees refuse to leave](#)

24-Oct-2017

More than 600 asylum-seekers and refugees are refusing to leave the Manus Island immigration detention centre, which is due to close next week, The Guardian reports.

### [Congress welcomes 'historic' overhaul of Closing the Gap](#)

24-Oct-2017

Australia's Aboriginal affairs ministers have agreed to focus more on the positives of Indigenous achievement under a sweeping "refresh" of the Closing the Gap strategy, the Sydney Morning Herald reports.

### [KORA celebrates 40 years of helping the disadvantaged](#)

24-Oct-2017

A Perth-based community support centre run by the Servants of Mary (Servite Sisters) has celebrated 40 years of helping disadvantaged families, The eRecord reports.

### [Pope tells students not to become slaves to money](#)

20-Oct-2017

Do not fall for the allure of money, which can enslave and alienate like a cult, Pope Francis told business school students, CNS reports.

### [Almost half of prisoners back in jail within two years](#)

20-Oct-2017

More than 40 per cent of all Victorian prisoners who have completed their sentence will return to jail within two years, according to new data from the state's Justice Department, ABC News reports.

### [Good Sams call for US-North Korea talks](#)

19-Oct-2017

Disturbed by the current "escalation of tensions and threats" between the US and North Korea, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have released a public statement of solidarity with Japan and the Asia-Pacific, The Good Oil reports.

### [Wealth can't be justified if it leaves vulnerable behind: Long](#)

19-Oct-2017

A new paper released by the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council examines Australia's economic policies and their effect on the most vulnerable, the council reports.

### ['Shocking' research shows intergenerational welfare dependence](#)

16-Oct-2017

Children of parents on Centrelink benefits are almost twice as likely to be on benefits by their early 20s, than children of parents not on benefits, The Age reports.

**[Welfare payments cut for 71 asylum seekers](#)**

13-Oct-2017

Refugee lawyers have vowed to fight for 71 asylum seekers whose welfare payments have been cut off after they missed a deadline to lodge claims for Australia's protection, SBS News reports.

**[Death penalty is 'inhumane': Pope](#)**

12-Oct-2017

Pope Francis has called for stronger opposition to the death penalty in the Catechism of the Church, CNA reports.

**[Nauru just another 'hell' says refugee journalist](#)**

12-Oct-2017

Asylum-seekers in detention on Manus Island have been offered the chance to move to Australia's other offshore detention island of Nauru, The Guardian reports.

**[Protect workers' rights for common good: Pope](#)**

05-Oct-2017

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for October focuses on workers and the unemployed, Vatican Radio reports.

**[Church announces largest-ever divestment from fossil fuels](#)**

04-Oct-2017

A coalition of international Catholic institutions yesterday announced its divestment from fossil fuels, according to the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

- courtesy [cathnews.com](http://cathnews.com)



**Social Justice Diary November 2017**

**November 2017**

1	Wed	<a href="#">All Saints</a>
2	Thu	<a href="#">All Souls</a> <a href="#">International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists</a>

3	Fri	
4	Sat	<a href="#">Day of prayer for Anglican–Roman Catholic Reconciliation</a>
5	Sun	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <a href="#">World Tsunami Awareness Day</a>
6	Mon	<a href="#">International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict</a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a> <a href="#">International Week of Science and Peace</a>
7	Tue	
8	Wed	1907: <a href="#">Minimum wage judgement handed down by Justice Higgins in Harvester case</a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Workplace Justice</a> <b>READ MORE ↓</b>
9	Thu	1989: <a href="#">Berlin Wall opened</a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a>
10	Fri	<a href="#">World Science Day for Peace and Development</a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a> 1995: <a href="#">Nine Nigerian environmentalists and human rights activists hanged</a>
11	Sat	<a href="#">Remembrance (Armistice) Day</a> , commemorating the end of World War I in 1918 - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a> 1975: <a href="#">Dismissal of the Whitlam Government</a>
12	Sun	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1991: <a href="#">Dili Massacre, Timor-Leste: more than 271 people killed</a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a>
13	Mon	
14	Tue	<a href="#">World Diabetes Day</a>
15	Wed	

16	Thu	<a href="#"><u>International Day for Tolerance</u></a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#"><u>Confronting Racism</u></a> <a href="#"><u>World Philosophy Day</u></a> 1989: <a href="#"><u>Murder of six Jesuit priests and two co-workers in El Salvador</u></a>
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <a href="#"><u>World Toilet Day</u></a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#"><u>World Poverty</u></a>
20	Mon	<a href="#"><u>Universal Children's Day</u></a> 1959: <a href="#"><u>UN adopted Declaration of Rights of the Child</u></a>
21	Tue	<a href="#"><u>World Television Day</u></a>
22	Wed	
23	Thu	
24	Fri	1964: <a href="#"><u>Passage of National Service Act by Australian Parliament</u></a>
25	Sat	<a href="#"><u>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</u></a> 1981: <a href="#"><u>UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief</u></a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#"><u>Confronting Racism</u></a>
26	Sun	<b>Christ the King</b> 1883: <a href="#"><u>Death of Sojourner Truth in Michigan USA</u></a> <b>READ MORE ↓</b>
27	Mon	1998: <a href="#"><u>Award of the first Sydney Peace Prize to Muhammad Yunus</u></a> - ACSJC resources on <a href="#"><u>Peacebuilding</u></a>
28	Tue	

29	Wed	<p><a href="#"><u>International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People</u></a></p> <p>1980: <a href="#"><u>Death of Dorothy Day</u></a>, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement</p> <p>1986: <a href="#"><u>Meeting of St John Paul II with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Alice Springs</u></a></p> <p><b>READ MORE ↓</b></p>
30	Thu	<p>1971: Synod of Bishops' Statement <a href="#"><u>Justice in the World</u></a></p>