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Dear friends,

As we journey through the Season of Lent, we undertake penance, reflection and fasting in preparation for the great celebration of Easter. Like Jesus when he withdrew to the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry, so for us this time is a period of stepping back from our daily routines, for reflection on all aspects of life and for renewing the force of love in our hearts.

Pope Francis has drawn from the Gospel of Matthew in his [2018 Lenten Message](#)— *Because of the increase in iniquity, the love of many will grow cold* (Mt 24:12).

The challenge: to watch for ‘the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool’.

Among those signs, he says, ‘more than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money’ which can lead to ‘violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations’.

He says that ‘creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.’

Where in our society are we challenged to address the cooling of charity?

It is not difficult to see in our own society the signs indicating our love is beginning to cool. They are there each time we read a newspaper or watch the evening news. We are challenged each time we hear of the latest scandal in our political, religious or financial institutions.

Think, for example, of the recent announcement of the Federal Government’s new defence export strategy. Marc Purcell of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) said, ‘The \$3.8 billion loan the Government is putting up for arms manufacturers is the same amount Australia spent on our entire aid program last year. Rather than fuel conflict, Australian aid has helped millions of people get an education, receive better healthcare and has increased peace and security.’ He is joined by the [Sisters of St Joseph](#) and [Pax Christi Australia](#) who have condemned the production and promotion of weapons which will enable the escalation of violence.

According to the United Nations, around 250 million children now live in conflict zones around the world. They are among the most vulnerable, but they are also integral to building sustainable peace in their communities. Caritas Australia’s Lenten Appeal, [Project Compassion](#), is focussed on the stories of six young people from around the world who are working for a just future. Their drive for change in the face of poverty, disease, war and persecution is humbling and calls for our support. David Armstrong of Caritas says, ‘Youth are the future and offer us hope for a better tomorrow. Engaging them and investing in the millions of young people who live in fragile contexts has never been more important.’

Here in Australia, we have just marked the tenth anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. That day was momentous. But the failure to meet many of the 'Closing the Gap' targets that were then established shows we need to renew our commitment and solidarity. John Lochowiak, Chair of the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council](#) has said the trauma that had been experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples has an intergenerational impact, which means many of the indicators of closing the gap have not been met, while others have widened. 'We must continue to heal and continue to strive for better outcomes for our people. We hoped that the apology would bring us closer together with non-Indigenous Australians. Recent things like the argument around moving Australia Day shows that we still have some way to go.'

Where is our nation's charity for the men on Manus Island? While a small number have been released from detention for resettlement in the United States, the inhumane conditions for those remaining continues to be cause for national shame. The recent work of the [Asylum Seeker Resource Centre](#), [Amnesty International](#) and [Australian doctors](#) from multiple specialities show that these people have been moved 'from one hellish situation to another'. In his [World Day of Peace](#) message, this year, Pope Francis called for a spirit of compassion towards those fleeing war, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation in their homelands. He warned of 'the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals'.

The revelations of the abuse through the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse have rocked the nation and members of our faith community. Following the release of the Royal Commission's final report in December, President of the [Australian Catholic Bishops Conference](#) Archbishop Denis Hart, and President of Catholic Religious Australia gave their unconditional apology for the suffering of victims and their commitment to ensuring justice for those affected, particularly through a national redress scheme. As the Church is preparing to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, the Bishops called for [four days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse](#).

The Bishops said, 'Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have. The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.'

Prayer, almsgiving and fasting

These are weighty issues that challenge us both personally and as a community.

Pope Francis says, 'by devoting time to *prayer*, we enable our heart to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then find the consolation God offers.

'Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour and a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. ...

'Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth ... It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour.'

In this Lenten Season, we are called, as individuals and as a community of faith, to embark on a journey of conversion, seeking repentance and renewing the links of deep solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

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Current Issues/Resources March 2018

BOOK: 'THE VATICAN IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS'

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi was the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva. He is the author of this collection of statements delivered between 2003 and 2015, recently published under the title 'The Vatican in the Family of Nations: Diplomatic Actions of the Holy See at the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva'. The statements address contemporary issues from disarmament, migration, trade and intellectual property to discrimination and freedom of conscience. The book represents the official position of the Vatican on contemporary issues, offering new insight into the social doctrine of the Catholic Church and its contribution to the UN. For more information on the book and how to obtain, visit [here](#).

ACRATH CAMPAIGN FOR SLAVERY-FREE CHOCOLATE THIS EASTER

Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate and they never will. Australian Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) are campaigning to ensure that the chocolate we eat this Easter is slavery-free. More information about the campaign and how to support it is available [here](#).

CAMPAIGN FOR STRONG LEGISLATION TO COMBAT MODERN SLAVERY

Alex Hawke, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, has announced that the Turnbull government plans to introduce Modern Slavery legislation into parliament and hopes to have it enacted before the end of 2018. A number of NGOs, including the Be Slave Free Network, Freedom United, and STOP THE TRAFFIK Australian Coalition, are coordinating a campaign to ensure that this legislation is robust and effective. The campaign aims to mobilise Australia's consumer power to help bring an end to modern slavery. In particular, these organisations want the law to set new standards for companies to report on modern slavery in their supply chains. More information is available about the [campaign](#) and the [conference scheduled for 22 March](#).

SURVEY: INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

Thirty-eight per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian workers experienced discrimination or harassment over the past year, a survey by non-profit organisation Diversity Council Australia has found. Indigenous people comprise only 2.8 per cent of the total population yet they experience a greater level of disadvantage compared to their non-Indigenous counterparts. Prime

Minister Malcolm Turnbull's report to parliament indicated the federal government was not on track to meet six of the seven targets in its 'Closing the Gap' initiative. Find out more [here](#).

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, *Project Compassion*, brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. They offer a different story to feature each week during Lent. Focused on the theme 'A Just Future', and featuring a new country each week, the stories explain the issues faced in each country. They highlight how Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people, helping them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities. Find out more [here](#).

JUST LAUNCHED: VIDEO – THE HOUSE OF WELCOME.

'The QUO' connects individuals and organisations, shares lived experiences and uses the collective power of community and empathy to challenge the status quo. Journalist and film maker Alfred Pek talks to long-time volunteer Jenny Willis, CEO Lyn Harrison and Case Worker Amy Smith to discover their insights into the issues faced by people seeking asylum and the great support provided by The House of Welcome. The video can be seen [here](#).

ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE: VISIT TO MANUS REPORT

In November 2017 the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) visited Manus Island to witness first-hand the humanitarian crisis facing 606 men abandoned by the Australian Government. What they found generated national coverage on the treatment of these men, while paving the way for other international organisations to send help. Read the official report [here](#).

MCKELL INSTITUTE: MAPPING OPPORTUNITY REPORT

A report from the independent research institute McKell has called for crucial measures to be taken to improve the access to fair earnings across the nation and to create a workforce that is suitable to meet the demands of a changing, globalised world. This report introduces the second of McKell's opportunity indexes: The McKell Institute Index for Earnings, which maps the most advantaged and disadvantaged electorates nationally in terms of their access to wages. It explains the growing inequality in incomes across the top percentiles and the low-income earners, and the low mobility in income through generations. The report also argues that Australians on low or middle incomes are finding it increasingly hard to sustain their livelihoods and that the economic achievements of the nation's past are inadequate to overcome the difficulties that are faced by the middle class today. A copy of the report can be downloaded by visiting [here](#).

HOMELESSNESS REPORT: THE 'COUCH SURFING LIMBO'

One of the most comprehensive reports ever on 'couch surfing' in Australia has found many young people living informally out of home are falling through the gaps. 'Couch surfing' refers to situations where a homeless person resorts to finding temporary shelter with family or friends – for example, sleeping on someone's couch. Laws and policies do not recognise youth couch-surfing as a form of homelessness. Many of the young people involved are too old for help from children's services, and too young to apply for assistance as adults. To download the report, 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](#).

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OPPOSE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ARMS TRADE

In their ‘Writing Rings for Righting Wrongs’ series, the Josephite Justice Network are mobilising opposition to the government’s recently-announced move to increase export opportunities for Australian armament manufacturers. The Sisters of St Joseph are urging us to ring or write to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and other senior parliamentarians to express opposition to the government’s initiative. To see their campaign, visit [here](#).

REPORT: GLOBAL TERRORISM INDEX 2017

The Global Terrorism Index report 2017 is a comprehensive summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism over the last 17 years. The report includes: global results and trends; terrorism trends in Europe and other developed countries; characteristics driving terrorism recruitment; and the economics of terrorism. Measuring 163 countries and covering 99.7 per cent of the world’s population, the 2017 report reveals that for the second year in a row global deaths from terrorism have declined. Significant declines in terrorism in four of the five countries most impacted by terrorism – Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria – were also recorded in 2017. Find out more [here](#).

MARYKNOLL OFFICE FOR GLOBAL CONCERNS: LENTEN REFLECTION GUIDE

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has developed a Lenten Reflection Guide full of reflections, questions and prayers based on each week’s Gospel reading and the six principles of non-violence described by Dr. King in *Stride Toward Freedom*, his memoir of the 1957 Montgomery bus boycott. The guide can be downloaded by visiting this [website](#).

ST COLUMBANS MISSION SOCIETY: THE GRACE OF FORESTS - LENTEN RESOURCE

To help with your Lenten preparation for Easter, the Columban Mission has developed an online resource called The Grace of Forests. The resource is for the six Sundays of Lent and is guided by the designated Scriptural readings for each Sunday. Ecological conversion from a local Australian perspective nourishes our preparation to renew our baptism into Christ at Easter. The Columban Lenten resource invites believers to meditate on the variety of trees present in our bush as a way of returning to God with all our mind heart. The resource can be downloaded by visiting the Columban Mission [website](#).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: NEW GOVERNMENT BILL WILL STIFLE DEBATE

The Federal Government introduced a series of Bills in response to concerns about the negative impact of foreign donations on Australia’s democracy. Some of the proposed changes, however, go far beyond the government’s stated intent in relation to foreign donations and have the potential to stifle social advocacy and democratic debate. This [Bill](#) is currently the subject of an inquiry by the Parliament’s Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. The Society of St Vincent de Paul has made a submission to the Committee. To read the submission and to see more information on this issue, see the Vincent de Paul [website](#).



ACSJC Publications March 2018

SERIES PAPER 82 – ‘INTO THE DEEP’

In this paper, Peter Arndt examines the issues faced by the indigenous people of West Papua and discusses their claim for freedom and independence. Peter has visited West Papua on several occasions, has met and spoken with people working for freedom and justice, and has heard their accounts of oppression and brutality on the part of police and security forces there. He places the struggle of the West Papuans in the context of the message of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching. ‘That deep reflection on Gospel values and Church teaching is what makes this publication so inspiring. Peter places his friends’ experience in the context of the Scriptures and looks deeply into the Church’s teachings on justice and asks what he must do. He discerns the answer with clarity and courage’ (Bishop Vincent Long, Chairman, ACSJC). To find out more and to order, visit [here](#).

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. Cost: \$7.50 (including postage). To download an order form, go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-diary>

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](#).

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 March 2018

[That sinking feeling: Sea levels continue to rise](#)

22-Feb-2018

Global sea levels will continue to rise until at least 2300 regardless of how much we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, but the longer governments delay acting, the worse it will get, new research shows. Source: ABC.

[Good Sams condemn asylum-seeker changes](#)

22-Feb-2018

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are calling for an urgent review of proposed changes to a government support program for asylum-seekers, which they say will force vulnerable people into destitution and homelessness. Source: The Good Oil.

[Workers pushed into homelessness](#)

The number of employed Australians seeking help for homelessness has jumped by almost 30 per cent in three years, sparking concerns that stagnant wage growth and high housing costs are pushing workers to the brink. Source: The Guardian

[Porter pledges action on elder abuse](#)

21-Feb-2018

Federal Attorney-General Christian Porter has announced that a national plan to stop elder abuse will be a personal priority for him in his new portfolio. Source: Australian Financial Review.

[US Catholics mobilised to support Dreamers](#)

21-Feb-2018

US bishops have called for Catholics to flood their members of Congress with phone calls urging the legislators to protect the undocumented migrants known as Dreamers. Source: Catholic News Service.

[Global movement an opportunity for Church](#)

20-Feb-2018

The #MeToo global movement presents an opportunity for the Church to engage in important issues of gender equity and justice, says the head of the National Office for Participation of Women. Source: MelbourneCatholic.org.au.

[Catholic social services facing challenging times](#)

20-Feb-2018

Catholic social service agencies are facing challenges on several fronts, which must be addressed if they are to continue their indispensable contribution to the mission of the Church, writes Denis Fitzgerald. Source: Eureka Street.

[Homeless women on course for success](#)

19-Feb-2018

Women experiencing homelessness in South Australia are being empowered to further their education through a new, 10-week course designed specifically for them. Source: The Southern Cross.

[Project Compassion highlights 'human dimension' of aid](#)

16-Feb-2018

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness campaign, Project Compassion, was launched on Ash Wednesday across Australia, including at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Source: Catholic Outlook.

[Ten years on, survivor recalls relief over apology](#)

15-Feb-2018

Brisbane Stolen Generations survivor Vicki Turner has recalled the relief she felt 10 years ago upon hearing Kevin Rudd's historic national apology to Indigenous Australians. Source: The Catholic Leader.

[Welfare overhaul 'could worsen poverty'](#)

14-Feb-2018

The Turnbull Government's planned overhaul of the welfare system could push the most vulnerable further into poverty and undermine their ability to get a job, the Australian Council of Social Service has warned. Source: The Guardian.

[Human trafficking 'a crime against humanity'](#)

13-Feb-2018

Pope Francis yesterday met with more than 100 survivors, young people and members of the committee organising the International Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking. Source: Vatican News.

[Call for stolen generations reparation scheme](#)

12-Feb-2018

The federal government and Labor are facing fresh calls to set up a national compensation program for thousands of stolen generation families who had their children forcibly removed over several decades.

Source: SBS News.

[Leaders lament slow progress since Rudd apology](#)

13-Feb-2018

Darwin Bishop Eugene Hurley and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council chair have lamented the slow progress in the decade since Kevin Rudd's national apology to Indigenous Australians. Source: ACBC Media Blog

[Archdiocese to 'slavery-proof' supply chains](#)

12-Feb-2018

On the feast of the patron saint of slavery victims, Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP reminded the faithful that modern slavery, while largely hidden, is still embedded in the global economy. Source: The Catholic Weekly.

[Dodson slams 'hopeless' handling of Closing the Gap](#)

09-Feb-2018

Indigenous Labor Senator Pat Dodson has condemned the Turnbull Government for not committing to closing the gap between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. Source: SBS News.

[Welfare card expansion passes first hurdle](#)

07-Feb-2018

The Turnbull Government's effort to extend cashless welfare card trials further into Western Australia and Queensland has passed the lower house. Source: News.com.au.

[Fears welfare overhaul will see homelessness rise](#)

06-Feb-2018

The Turnbull Government's planned changes to the welfare system risk pushing more vulnerable Australians into homelessness, a Victorian advocacy group has warned. Source: The Guardian.

[Josephites denounce arms export plan](#)

02-Feb-2018

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart congregation has denounced the Turnbull government's plan to increase weapons exports. Source: SOSJ.

courtesy [CathNews](#)



Social Justice Diary March 2018

March 2018

1	Thu	Zero Discrimination Day Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Day - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding READ MORE ↓ 1999: Entry into force of International Treaty to Ban Landmines
2	Fri	World Day of Prayer Theme: <i>All God's Creation is very good!</i>
3	Sat	World Wildlife Day
4	Sun	3rd Sunday of Lent 1979: Pope John Paul II's encyclical Redemptor Hominis Clean Up Australia Day - ACSJC resources on the Environment
5	Mon	1970: International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding
6	Tue	
7	Wed	
8	Thu	International Women's Day
9	Fri	
10	Sat	
11	Sun	4th Sunday of Lent 2011: Earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, killing 18,500 people and causing widespread contamination
12	Mon	1913: Founding of Canberra as Australia's Capital
13	Tue	
14	Wed	

15	Thu	National Close the Gap Day - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People READ MORE ↓
16	Fri	
17	Sat	St Patrick
18	Sun	5th Sunday of Lent
19	Mon	1866: Establishment of Sisters of St Joseph at Penola, SA 2003: Invasion of Iraq by USA and Allies - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding
20	Tue	International Day of Happiness
21	Wed	International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination - ACSJC resources on Confronting Racism International Day of Forests - ACSJC resources on the Environment World Down Syndrome Day World Poetry Day Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination - ACSJC resources on Confronting Racism National Harmony Day (Australia) READ MORE ↓
22	Thu	World Water Day - ACSJC resources on the Environment
23	Fri	World Meteorological Day
24	Sat	The Annunciation International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims World Tuberculosis Day Earth Hour (8.30 to 9.30 pm local time) - ACSJC resources on the Environment

25	Sun	<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p><i>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</i></p> <p><i>International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing (UN) Staff Members</i></p> <p>1877: Death of Caroline Chisholm</p>
26	Mon	<p>1967: Pope Paul VI's encyclical Populorum Progressio (On the Progress of Peoples,)</p> <p>1975: Biological Weapons Convention - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding</p>
27	Tue	
28	Wed	
29	Thu	<p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>1941: Death of William Cooper, Aboriginal activist and community leader - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People</p>
30	Fri	Good Friday
31	Sat	First day of Jewish Passover