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Dear Friends

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2018–19, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, calls on all Australians to look beyond the immediate challenges of high housing and rental costs on the average household budget, to consider the lot of those who are homeless or at serious risk of becoming homeless.

In a letter to all Catholic parishes and church communities of Australia, the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has promoted this Statement and highlighted the critical issue of homelessness – the damage it does to individuals and families and the harm it does to the social fabric of a community that still champions the notion of a 'fair go'.

'It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health', the Archbishop says.

The Statement considers the tragedy of homelessness within the broader housing affordability crisis. Having a place to call home means much more than having shelter from the elements. It is about personal security and wellbeing, the social and economic base of living, the formation of families and kinship, and the development of personal and social identity. Such essential qualities of having a place to call home are at risk where competitive economic valuation reduces housing to be simply a commodity to be traded and where unreasonable cost excludes people. Many people in Australia have been affected by falling rates of home ownership. But the worst effect has been among the poorest members of the community. The plight of particular groups are highlighted. The overwhelming precursor to homelessness is poverty.

Those already experiencing challenges in health and family welfare – particularly people suffering domestic violence and mental illnesses – are greatly overrepresented among those seeking specialised homelessness assistance.

People experiencing economic instability – unemployed workers, low paid workers and older people reliant on low fixed incomes – are particularly vulnerable. An emerging cohort of older single women in unaffordable rental reveals the shocking new reality in the national profile of homelessness.

Those already experiencing chronic levels of exclusion often have very limited opportunities to find and stay in housing – the First Peoples of Australia, people coming out of prison and refugees and asylum seekers. The recently announced withdrawal of financial and other support for asylum seekers under the Status Resolution Support Service will now expose thousands of people who have already been traumatised in their flight from persecution and exposed to hardship in Australia to abject poverty and homelessness.

Homelessness should not be allowed to remain the concern of a minority of Australians who are affected and those who provide assistance and advocacy. It is not an issue that can be just swept under the carpet. Homelessness is an affront to the solidarity of our entire community – it damages the very fabric of our society.

The bishops quote a young man who is homeless. He says:

‘Homelessness separates you from society because, or you feel, yeah, really you do become separated from society cause you don’t live the same as other people. You don’t have a home to go to. You don’t have something to do with yourself like a job ... your hygiene becomes poor because you don’t have access to washing facilities. Your diet, your eating, becomes affected because you don’t have access to food the same as you would if you have your own home’.

The Bishops say: ‘Homelessness destroys the bonds of solidarity and ‘neighbourhood’. Its roots lie in structural injustices – a market that fails to accommodate, policies that distort access to that market, and programs that are failing to address the symptoms of homelessness. We must remember that the difficult circumstances surrounding the homelessness of all ... cannot be treated simply as a collection of individual tragedies that evoke feelings of sympathy. They require a national response that addresses the structural causes of homelessness as a shared social responsibility’.

The Bishops draw on the wisdom of Pope Francis who has written in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today’s World:

‘If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ.’

This is a wake-up call. It comes from someone who ministered among the *villas miserias* of Buenos Aires, who continues to minister to the homeless citizens of Rome, and who raises his voice in international circles.

These words are as much a challenge to our society, its leaders and policy makers, as they are to us as individuals. Secure housing is a basic human right. It is an uncontested public good, affirmed by both Catholic teaching and the Declaration of Human Rights. How we respond to the needs of people who are homeless or at risk of being driven from their homes will define us as a community.

The required funding and resources to address homelessness should not be regarded as simply a budget expenditure or a cost we pay begrudgingly. Surely our nations vast wealth can accommodate a bit more generosity and what is after all a human right. The Bishops say, ‘Our economy must give priority to the redistribution of resources so that people who have been disadvantaged and excluded can participate once more in society. It is an investment in the dignity of our neighbours and the very fabric of our community’.

The 2018–19 Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home*, will be launched on 6 September. Social Justice Sunday falls on 30 September. The Statement will be accompanied by prayer cards, a ‘ten steps’ leaflet, and a PowerPoint presentation that can be downloaded from the ACSJC website.

Any assistance you can give in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and the Bishops' Statement would be greatly appreciated.

Visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council [website](#) for order forms and details about Social Justice Sunday.

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Current Issues/Resources August 2018

NATIONAL APPEAL: ACRATH LOSE FEDERAL FUNDING

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) has launched a national fund-raising appeal after today's announcement from the Federal Government revealed that it would not be funding ACRATH this year. ACRATH's Executive Officer Christine Carolan said the organisation was now completely reliant on the generosity of the community to continue working to combat modern day slavery and forced marriage. 'We are very disappointed that the Government has not funded us for the coming year. But we are hopeful that the community, particularly the Catholic community, will support our work. We have come so far, but in some ways we are only just beginning to tackle emerging issues such as forced labour and forced marriage,' Ms Carolan said. For more information and to donate to ACRATH, visit [here](#).

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES REFUGEE TASKFORCE – 'DIGNITY NOT DESTITUTION'

This ecumenical campaign challenging Government cuts to support services for people seeking asylum provides very helpful advocacy suggestions. There is a 'Dignity NOT Destitution' pamphlet that can be sent in hard copy or downloaded. There is also support information for writing to the Minister or visiting your local Member of Parliament. There are also suggestions for donating and assisting the services of agencies that support people who are seeking asylum. To find out more about the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce and the 'Dignity NOT Destitution' campaign, visit [here](#).

BOOK: 'GROWING UP ABORIGINAL IN AUSTRALIA'

What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia? This anthology, compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, showcases many diverse voices, experiences and stories in order to answer that question. Contributors include: Tony Birch, Deborah Cheetham, Adam Goodes, Terri Janke, Patrick Johnson, Ambelin Kwaymullina, Jack Latimore, Celeste Liddle, Amy McQuire, Kerry Reed-Gilbert, Miranda Tapsell, Jared Thomas, Aileen Walsh, Alexis West, Tara June Winch, and many, many more. Published by Black Inc. For more information visit [here](#).

NATSICC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has announced the winners of its inaugural Service to Community Awards. The awards are 'designed to recognise the unheralded and share the gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring to the Catholic Church. NATSICC heard stories of people working in communities for over 30 years and of young people going above and beyond to support and inspire their people in the development of faith and culture. To learn more about the Award winners, visit [here](#).

REPORT: AUSTRALIAN HOMELESSNESS MONITOR 2018

This report, published by Launch Housing, examines changes in the scale and nature of homelessness, as well as how social, economic and policy drivers influence these changes. Drawing on a variety of sources, the report examines trends and causes of homelessness. Key findings include: rough sleeping levels are increasing; older Australians are increasingly experiencing homelessness; Indigenous Australians are overrepresented; demand for specialist homelessness services is increasing; homelessness in Australia is outpacing population growth; and there are significant links between domestic violence and homelessness. To access the report visit [here](#).

BOOK: 'EVERY EVENING WITHOUT FAIL: REFLECTIONS ON 40 YEARS OF THE FITZROY SOUP VAN 1975-2015'

In June 1975, the Victorian Society of St Vincent de Paul's first soup van, a humble old Ford Transit wagon with doors which flew open when they took a corner, started offering friendship and food to the homeless men, at that time mainly affected by alcohol abuse. It was initiated by a group of young people wanting to serve the homeless community around inner Melbourne. Now, after more than 40 years of operation, the Fitzroy Soup Van has never missed a night. This new book by Anne Tuohey captures some of the insights, hopes, challenges, and changes over its history. Most importantly, the book describes the special relationship between the 'Vannies' and the men and women they met. For more information visit [here](#).

VATICAN DOCUMENT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES

The Holy See has released a new document on the economy and finance, addressing many topics including the regulation of markets, speculation, credit, consumption, savings, fiscal system, offshore sites, public debt, and the banking system. The document, published on 17 May 2018, is titled *Oeconomicae et Pecuniariae Quaestiones – 'Considerations for An Ethical Discernment on Certain Aspects of the Present Economic and Financial System'*. It comments: 'Well-being and development both demand and support each other, calling for sustainable policies and perspectives far beyond the short term ... Money must serve and not govern'. It deplores 'a profound amoral culture within which one doesn't hesitate very often to commit offenses when the foreseen advantages outweigh the fixed penalties'. The document is available [here](#).

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The second World Day of the Poor will be observed on 18 November 2018. Its theme is: 'This poor man cried and the Lord heard him'. The Vatican has released the text of Pope Francis' Message for that day, available [here](#).

ORGANISE AN ACTIVITY DURING ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

This year, Anti-Poverty Week falls on 14–20 October. The Week has two aims. The first is to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; the second is to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments. Everyone is encouraged to help reduce poverty and hardship by organising an activity during the Week. For more information on how to get started, visit the Anti-Poverty Week [website](#).

QUARTERLY ESSAY: 'DEAD RIGHT – HOW NEOLIBERALISM ATE ITSELF AND WHAT COMES NEXT'.

Economist Richard Denniss' Quarterly Essay 'Dead Right' is the latest in this series. 'For decades, we have been told that the private sector does everything better, that governments can't afford to deliver

the services they once could, but that security and prosperity for all are just around the corner. In fact, Australians are less equal, and more of us are economically vulnerable.’ Denniss looks at ways to renew our democracy and an idea of the national interest that goes beyond economics. For information and to order a copy visit [here](#).

FACING THE CHALLENGES TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Rapid changes in climate, conflict, inequality, persistent pockets of poverty and hunger and rapid urbanisation are obstacles that need to be overcome in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, according to a report from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For the first time in more than a decade, the report says, there are now approximately 38 million more hungry people in the world, rising from 777 million in 2015 to 815 million in 2016. Conflict is now one of the main drivers of food insecurity in 18 countries. In 2017, the world experienced the costliest North Atlantic hurricane season on record, driving the global economic losses attributed to the disasters to over \$300 billion. For more information, visit [here](#).

RESEARCH ASSISTANT VACANCIES

Two positions are available with the National Centre for Pastoral Research. They are:

- Research Assistant (part-time – 22.5 hrs a week).
- Research Assistant Plenary Council Project (maximum term, part-time – 22.5 hrs a week).

Applications for both positions will close on 20 August 2018. Details of positions, position descriptions and process for applying are available from the Office for Employment Relations [website](#).



ACSJC Publications August 2018

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2018-2019 – ORDER NOW!

This year’s Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled ‘A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land’. 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](#).

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:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September

This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land’. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia’s growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

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.

PASTORAL LETTER – FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2018

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2018 is entitled *A Fair Day's Pay – for the dignity of workers and the good of all*. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen highlights the impact of wage stagnation on most families and emphasises the impact of low wages and allowances of over 1.5 million low-paid workers and almost 2 million people who are unemployed or who have withdrawn from the labour market that demand attention. The Pastoral Letter is available for download [here](#).

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](#).

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

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2017-18 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 August 2018

[Anti-trafficking group loses funding](#)

31-Jul-2018

A Catholic anti-trafficking group has launched a national funding appeal after the Turnbull Government yesterday announced the group would not be funded this financial year. Source: ACRATH.

[Pope urges end of 'scourge' of human trafficking](#)

30-Jul-2018

Pope Francis yesterday said it was everyone’s responsibility to take a stand against the shameful crime of human trafficking. Source: Vatican News.

[‘People are hungry – don’t waste food’](#)

30-Jul-2018

The love with which individuals and communities treat the poor, the weak and the hungry is the best measure of faith, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address yesterday. Source: CNA.

[Pathway to employment for skilled migrants](#)

30-Jul-2018

A pilot employment program coordinated by Jesuit Social Services and engineering giant John Holland is helping skilled immigrants find work. Source: ABC News.

[Deportation of asylum-seeker 'calculated cruelty'](#)

27-Jul-2018

A Brisbane Dominican priest has added his voice to calls for fair processes for asylum-seekers and their families, after a Tamil man was deported from Australia and then arrested in Sri Lanka. Source: The Catholic Leader.

[Deportation on hold as Sr Patricia wins new reprieve](#)

26-Jul-2018

Sr Patricia Fox, the Australian missionary who last week was ordered by Philippine authorities to be deported, is not leaving the country just yet. Source: ucanews.com.

[Promoting an alternative to 'tough on crime' approach](#)

25-Jul-2018

The voices of young people who have had contact with the justice system are front and centre in a new campaign launched by Jesuit Social Services in Melbourne yesterday. Source: Mirage News.

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[Cardinal Tagle laments murders of innocents](#)

25-Jul-2018

A teary-eyed Cardinal Luis Tagle of Manila lamented the deaths of innocent people killed since Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte assumed office. Source: Crux.

[Call for doctors to care for asylum-seekers' mental health](#)

24-Jul-2018

A Catholic health service for asylum-seekers is appealing for mental health professionals to donate their time to care for its patients. Source: The Age.

[Report estimates 15,000 people in slavery in Australia](#)

23-Jul-2018

The latest Global Slavery Index reports slave-like practices are most common in the hospitality, construction, agriculture and sex industries. Source: The Guardian.

[Government stands by flawed welfare card](#)

19-Jul-2018

The federal Government is standing by its \$18 million cashless welfare card trial, despite a report finding the evidence about its effectiveness is unreliable. Source: ABC News.

[Fears homelessness crisis among elderly will deepen](#)

19-Jul-2018

With the country's older population forecast to double in coming decades, the authors of a new report launched by Senator Doug Cameron have called on policymakers to urgently address the problem.

Source: Domain

[Missionaries of Charity chief condemns child trafficking](#)

18-Jul-2018

Facing child trafficking allegations at one of its homes for unmarried mothers in India, the Missionaries of Charity said the order condemns the actions of individuals involved and stressed that these are unrelated to the order. Source: CNS.

[Number of long-term jobless soars](#)

17-Jul-2018

The number of Victorians stuck on long-term welfare has soared by more than 35,000 in five years. Source: Herald Sun.

[Ethics conference aims to 'build bridges'](#)

17-Jul-2018

Nearly 500 moral theologians and ethicists are gathering for a first-of-its-kind meeting focused on how to respond to the shifting global geopolitical environment and address contentious issues such as migration. Source: NCR Online.

[Catholics help reunite migrant families](#)

16-Jul-2018

Some of the migrant children under age five separated from their families by the US government were reunited with loved ones with help from Catholic organisations. Source: CNS.

[Fair Work panel needs social policy experts: Catholic leaders](#)

16-Jul-2018

Catholic leaders have called for a social policy expert to be appointed to a panel advising the Fair Work Commission, to better address poverty and disadvantage in the community. Source: Australian Financial Review.

[Loan sharks cash in on vulnerable communities](#)

12-Jul-2018

Pay day lenders and charity collectors are cashing in on vulnerable remote communities in the Northern Territory with inadequate or limited knowledge about financial services. Source: National Indigenous News.

[Students inspired by Indigenous women](#)

11-Jul-2018

The significant contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made to Catholic education in Wollongong has been highlighted in a video produced by students for NAIDOC Week. Source: Illawarra Mercury.

[South Australia toughens family violence laws](#)

10-Jul-2018

Tougher penalties and new offences will be included in revamped domestic violence laws being drafted by the South Australian Government. Source: SBS News.

[Don't leave our kids 'only rubble, deserts and refuse'](#)

09-Jul-2018

While everyone has a role and responsibility to help safeguard the planet, all governments must uphold commitments to reducing climate change, Pope Francis said. Source: NCR Online.

[Vinnies chief sets sights on Parliament](#)

09-Jul-2018

John Falzon has made a career fighting against inequality. And now the St Vincent de Paul Society national boss wants to take his mission into federal Parliament. Source: Canberra Times.

[Pope's leadership on climate change an inspiration: Gore](#)

05-Jul-2018

Former US vice president and environmentalist Al Gore has called Pope Francis a "moral force" for solving the climate change crisis. Source: Vatican News.

[We'll become more pragmatic over Uluru Statement: Dodson](#)

04-Jul-2018

Labor Senator Pat Dodson says Indigenous Australians will become more "pragmatic" in efforts to construct a voice to Parliament. Source: The Guardian.

[Students welcome migrants to classroom](#)

04-Jul-2018

A cultural exchange of stories has taken place at a Queensland Catholic primary school between year 6 students and migrants studying English at TAFE. Source: The Catholic Leader.

[US bishops visit 'ground zero' of immigration debate](#)

03-Jul-2018

A delegation of American bishops has travelled to the US-Mexico border to meet people affected by the US government's crackdown on illegal immigration. Source: CNS.

[Vatican meeting promotes sustainable investments](#)

03-Jul-2018

Global leaders in the Catholic and business community converged in Vatican City for the third "Rome Roundtable", cementing actions to make the world's economy fairer and more sustainable. Source: Catholic Outlook.

[Bishops back efforts to eliminate modern slavery](#)

03-Jul-2018

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has supported new legislation to help eradicate the scourge of modern slavery. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

- courtesy [CathNews](#)



Social Justice Diary August 2018

August 2018

1	Wed	2010: Entry into force of UN Convention on Cluster Munitions - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding
2	Thu	1965: First Indo-Chinese refugees allowed to settle in Australia - ACSJC resources on Refugees and Asylum Seekers
3	Fri	Beginning of Fair Trade Fortnight - ACSJC resources on Trade Justice
4	Sat	National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People
5	Sun	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Beginning of National Missing Persons Week Beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week
6	Mon	The Transfiguration 1945: Destruction of Hiroshima by atomic bomb - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding Beginning of National Homeless Persons Week - ACSJC resources on World Poverty READ MORE ↓
7	Tue	
8	Wed	St Mary MacKillop READ MORE ↓
9	Thu	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - ACSJC resources on Confronting Racism 1945: Destruction of Nagasaki by atomic bomb - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding

10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>International Youth Day</i>
13	Mon	
14	Tue	
15	Wed	Assumption of Mary 1903: Death of William Barak , Aboriginal leader and spokesperson, co-founder of the Coranderrk settlement (Victoria) - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People
16	Thu	1975: Return of Wave Hill Station, NT, to the Gurindji People - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People
17	Fri	1971: Swearing-in of Senator Neville Bonner as the first Aboriginal member of the Australian Parliament - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People
18	Sat	St Alberto Hurtado SJ Vietnam Veterans Day - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding
19	Sun	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Humanitarian Day</i>
20	Mon	
21	Tue	1943: Election of Enid Lyons (House of Representatives) and Dorothy Tangney (Senate) as the first women members of the Parliament of Australia
22	Wed	
23	Thu	<i>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</i> - ACSJC resources on Trade Justice 1996: Death of Margaret Tucker , Indigenous Australian activist and writer - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People

24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	<p>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Refugee and Migrant Sunday - ACSJC resources on Refugees and Asylum Seekers 2001: Rescue of 433 asylum seekers by MV Tampa, intercepted by Australian troops to prevent disembarkation - ACSJC resources on Refugees and Asylum Seekers</p>
27	Mon	1999: Death of Dom Helder Camara
28	Tue	
29	Wed	International Day Against Nuclear Tests - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding
30	Thu	International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances
31	Fri	