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Dear Friends

Over the past several months, we have been promoting the Australian Catholic Bishops' forthcoming Social Justice Statement for 2018–19, titled 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement will be launched on 6 September, and will be available on the websites of the ACSJC and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

As we have said, this year's Statement tackles the housing crisis in Australia – both the numbers of people experiencing homelessness in its various forms and the enormous pressures that runaway house prices and rents have placed on low-paid Australians. Homelessness and housing stress are taking a terrible toll on people all over Australia, whether in our major cities or in regional areas.

The classic image of a homeless person is the 'rough sleeper' – a man or woman dossing in a doorway or a park, with a few belongings in a bag beside them. But homelessness includes others in precarious or dangerous situations – those in desperately overcrowded accommodation, those sleeping on someone's couch or floor, or those in temporary accommodation like boarding houses or hostels. All these situations disrupt and erode personal and family life, making it difficult or impossible to maintain relationships, to study or to find and keep a job.

From the 2016 Census we know that more than 116,000 people are experiencing homelessness in Australia. That figure has grown from the more than 102,000 people shown as homeless in the 2011 Census.

Beyond these, there are many thousands of Australians for whom homelessness, while not yet a reality, is a real threat. In a letter to parishes around Australia, the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, writes:

'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.'

During the 1960s and 1970s, the dream of owning one's own home was within the reach of ordinary Australians, but it is now becoming unrealisable for thousands of people – even for those in the prime of their working lives. It is now likely that many people now in middle life will reach retirement either not owning a home or still paying off mortgages.

The Bishops' Statement shows that more than 875,000 households are in housing stress, having to devote more than one-third of their income to housing. The Government's own figures reveal a shortage of community and social housing throughout Australia. And specialist housing services were unable to respond to more than 53,000 requests for help in 2017.

For this Briefing, I would like to focus on three groups whom the Bishops mention as being seriously at risk in a ruthless housing market. They are:

- people who are unemployed or working on minimum wages, and struggling to survive on the Newstart Allowance;
- women, particularly older women, who find themselves at risk of homelessness, some for the first time in their lives; and
- refugees and asylum seekers living in Australia, who are likely to be at risk because the government is proposing to deprive them of the meagre support they currently receive.

Unemployed people and low-paid workers

For years now, the ACSJC and many other advocacy groups have been campaigning for an increase to the allowance paid to people experiencing unemployment. In this year's [Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker](#), our Chairman, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, wrote that '650,000 people on the Newstart Allowance are trying to survive, many on just \$40 a day.' And, Bishop Long wrote, it is not only people experiencing unemployment who are struggling: 'Low-paid workers and their families who rely on the National Minimum Wage and award safety net are falling into poverty.' The Statement points to research that shows how ballooning rents and house prices mean low-paid or unemployed workers would struggle to find affordable housing anywhere in Australia, let alone in a major city. Homelessness or insecure housing increase the difficulty of finding work in an already tight market.

Women facing homelessness

Women are particularly vulnerable in situations of housing insecurity or homelessness. The Statement points out that women and children who are subject to domestic violence make up over 40 per cent of the people seeking crisis support. The lack of secure alternative accommodation means that women and children are either forced to remain in violent situations or are driven to look for shelter in unsafe locations. In particular, the Bishops mention that older women make up the fastest-growing group of people at risk of homelessness. They too can be subject to domestic violence. Often such women find themselves in poverty following separation or divorce. Older women can frequently find themselves with little in the way of financial resources. A new report from the Mercy Foundation, [Retiring Into Poverty](#), highlights how older women are at greater risk of financial and housing insecurity due to lower levels of superannuation, receipt of lower pay than men, and due to time out of the labour market to raise children and care for family members.

Refugees and asylum seekers

Refugees and asylum seekers living in the Australian community are another group at serious disadvantage in the housing market. Few have any financial resources when they arrive. Many have families in desperate need overseas and feel the need to send money back. Lack of English or of employment or rental history puts them at serious disadvantage when they seek accommodation. All these problems are now magnified by the government's policy of cutting such people off the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS), which has provided refugees and asylum seekers with a mere 89 per cent of the lowest weekly Newstart payment. The Director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia, Carolina Gottardo, writes in the September issue of *Justice Trends*: 'As part of the most recent policy change, at least 7,000 families, women, and men across Australia will likely be found "work ready" in coming weeks and months and given 28 days to find jobs before losing all support ... Should the policy continue to be implemented, the impacts will be devastating. This is a humanitarian crisis in the making'.

These are only some of the issues raised in the 2018–19 Statement. The Bishops emphasise that access to housing is not merely something desirable in a modern society – it is a basic human right affirmed both by the UN Declaration of Human Rights and by Catholic social teaching. Their starting point is Jesus’ famous parable of the Good Samaritan – Jesus’ story about the outsider who, unlike others, stopped in his journey to help a wounded stranger and bring him to safety.

In his introductory message, Bishop Long writes:

‘We are reminded that we have the same experience as the Samaritan: we see people in the street who are in need of help, wounded by violence, misfortune or poverty. We face the same choice: do we walk past or do we stop and help?’

All this month we will be distributing the Statement to parishes, communities and groups throughout Australia in preparation for Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. It’s not too late to order – you can do so by visiting the [ACSJC website](#) or by phoning us on (02) 8306 3499. The Statement will also be available for download from our website and that of the [Bishops Conference](#). As in previous years there will be associated resources to accompany the Statement: a prayer card, a leaflet ‘Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in our Land’, a PowerPoint presentation and video, and community education resources.

I believe that you will find the Statement a stimulating and challenging document and that it will repay thought, prayer and discussion in homes, schools and parishes. It will make an important contribution to the national conversation on this vital topic.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues/Resources September 2018

MERCY FOUNDATION REPORT: INCREASING HOUSING SECURITY FOR OLDER WOMEN

The Mercy Foundation, in collaboration with a number of universities and advocacy organisations, has issued a publication titled ‘Retiring Into Poverty: A national plan for increasing housing security for older women’. The report outlines the issues facing older women living in housing insecurity or homelessness and identifies needed changes to policies and programs. For more information and to download a copy of the report visit [here](#).

SACRED HEART MISSION HOMELESSNESS PROJECT: JOURNEY TO SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Sacred Heart Mission (SHM) has released ‘Chronic Homelessness in Melbourne: First-Year Outcomes of Journey to Social Inclusion (J2SI)’, which provides more evidence that receiving permanent housing and intensive support is required for people experiencing homelessness to stay housed and improve their health and wellbeing. Improving drug and alcohol issues, reducing nights spent in hospital, staying housed and feeling safe at home has been proven possible, once again, for people experiencing chronic homelessness through a housing-first approach, coupled with intensive support, the project has shown. For more information and to access the report, 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](#).

HOUSING FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Australian government is cutting the Status Resolution Support Services income support for thousands of children, women, and men seeking asylum and safety in our cities and towns. Jesuit Refugee Service says: 'Should the policy take full effect in the coming weeks and months, it is anticipated that up to 7,000 of people seeking asylum could confront hunger, homelessness and situations of harm on our streets. If you, your parish or organisation can make housing available, help an affected person pay their rent, or provide employment, we want to hear from you.' For more information and to make a donation, visit [here](#).

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](#).

CARITAS AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN: STAND WITH THE ROHINGYA

Since late August, more than 600,000 people, most of whom identify as Rohingya, have crossed the Myanmar border. Caritas has been responding to the immediate needs of this devastating humanitarian crisis by providing essential food items such as dal, salt, sugar and cooking oil, as well as basic cooking utensils. So far, Caritas Bangladesh has supported over 305,000 individuals. Your donation to the Caritas Asia Emergency Appeal will help to respond to the escalating immediate and ongoing needs of this devastating humanitarian crisis by providing food, non-food items, shelter, clean water, mobile health clinics and sanitation facilities. Rohingya women and children are more vulnerable than ever. Families are living in marginalised and impoverished conditions with an uncertain future. For information and to donate, visit [here](#).

PARISHES CALL FOR CHANGE OF POLICY ON REFUGEES

At this time of change in Australian politics, it's time to change our approach to refugees and people seeking asylum. This was a call from people from 20 Melbourne Catholic parishes on Saturday 25 August. They were gathered for the 14th Welcome the Asylum Seeker Parish Support forum. The Parishes that gathered listened to asylum seekers; shared their own experience of working with people seeking asylum; and heard from experts such as Sr Brigid Arthur from the Brigidine Asylum Seeker

Project and Phil Glendenning from the Edmund Rice Centre about the need that exists in our own communities and the areas for improvement in our national policy settings. In the words of Adrian Foley, Coordinator of the Welcome the Asylum Seeker Parish Support Program, 'All parishes in some way or another can help refugees and people seeking asylum.' For more information, 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](#).

URGENTLY NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

The Diocese of Broome is an amazing community situated in the north west of Australia, the Kimberley. The Kimberley region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service in the Diocese of Broome, Western Australia, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details phone (08) 9192 1060 or [email](#). **For more information visit [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](#).

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](#).

AFTINET CALLS FOR MPs TO REJECT THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

The Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) is calling on people to contact MPs and Senators and tell them to vote against the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11). AFTINET says: 'The original TPP-12 trade deal between the US, Australia and 10 other Pacific Rim countries could not proceed after the US withdrew in 2017. Australia and Japan led the push for the TPP-11 without the US, which was signed in March 2018. Some clauses have been suspended, pending the US re-joining in future. But the deal still gives more rights to global corporations and reduces government rights to regulate in the public interest.' AFTINET is urging people to contact their local Federal MPs and non-government Senators to say no to the TPP-11. For more information and to send a message, visit [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](#).

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD ON THE CRISIS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

Pope Francis has written a letter addressed 'to the People of God' in response to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report into decades of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy in that State. The Pope writes: 'The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands.' The full text of the Holy Father's letter is available [here](#). In response, a statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, affirms that the Royal Commission 'has done much good for this country, especially in creating a safe place for survivors to be heard and believed'. He says: 'Now is the time for action on many levels'. Archbishop Coleridge's full statement is available [here](#). Catholic Religious Australia have also issued a response to the Pope's letter.



ACSJC Publications September 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: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

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](#).

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 September 2018

[Migrants and refugees need 'solidarity and mercy'](#)

24-Aug-2018

Policies addressing migrants and refugees should always respond with mercy and solidarity, according to a visiting Vatican official. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

[Vinnies chief quits to enter politics](#)

22-Aug-2018

John Falzon has resigned as national chief executive of the St Vincent de Paul Society to seek federal Labor preselection, vowing to continue "the fight against inequality within parliament". Source: Pro Bono News.

[Human rights groups give Government a deadline](#)

21-Aug-2018

A coalition of some of Australia's biggest humanitarian and human rights organisations has given the

federal Government a deadline to get all asylum-seeker and refugee children off Nauru. Source: The Guardian.

[Australian families 'deserve an independent welfare umpire'](#)

21-Aug-2018

Catholic Social Services Australia has welcomed the introduction of a private member's bill to establish a new national social security commission, arguing such an entity could help address societal inequality.

[Cardinal Turkson urges youth to protect the planet](#)

09-Aug-2018

A top Vatican official has urged young people to protect the planet and actively live the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. Source: NCR Online.

[Justice system 'failing' young people](#)

09-Aug-2018

A focus on security over education in Victoria's youth detention centres is hurting detainees' chances of rehabilitation, according to an Auditor-General's report released yesterday. Source: SBS News.

[Catholics donate \\$10.8 million 'for a just future'](#)

08-Aug-2018

Thousands of supporters across Australian Catholic schools and parishes have joined in solidarity with the world's poor by donating more than \$10.8 million to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign.

[Slavery bill at risk of becoming a 'toothless tiger'](#)

08-Aug-2018

Peak Catholic groups are concerned the Modern Slavery Bill 2018, currently before federal Parliament, could become a "toothless tiger" if their recommendations to the inquiry are not adopted. Source: ABC Media Blog.

[Homelessness, affordable housing 'an economic issue'](#)

07-Aug-2018

Australia's homelessness and affordable housing situation will worsen unless governments fund more social housing, according to speakers at a national conference on homelessness. Source: The New Daily.

[Tourism can 'educate people on shared responsibility'](#)

07-Aug-2018

Cardinal Peter Turkson has penned a message for next month's World Tourism Day, focusing on how digital technology has transformed our age and behaviours. Source: Vatican News.

[Previous popes expressed death penalty reservations](#)

07-Aug-2018

Pope Francis has again put the cat among the pigeons by approving a change to the Catechism that declares the death penalty "inadmissible", writes Anna Rowlands. Source: ABC Religion and Ethics.

[Pope changes Church stance on death penalty](#)

03-Aug-2018

Pope Francis has ordered a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, asserting that "the death

penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person". Source: The Tablet

[One in six Aussie youth faced homelessness](#)

02-Aug-2018

One in six young Australians have experienced homelessness, with family violence the leading cause for them to leave home, new statistics show. Source: SBS News.

- courtesy [CathNews](#)



Social Justice Diary September 2018

September 2018

1	Sat	<p>World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - ACSJC Resources on the Environment</p> <p>Beginning of National Biodiversity Month - ACSJC Resources on the Environment</p> <p>National Wattle Day - ACSJC Resources on the Environment</p> <p>1815: Founding of Sisters of Charity by Mary Aikenhead</p>
2	Sun	<p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Beginning of National Child Protection Week</p> <p>READ MORE ↓</p> <p>1991: Passage of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People</p>
3	Mon	
4	Tue	
5	Wed	<p>International Day of Charity</p>

		1997: Death of St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) 2013: Convention Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers - ACSJC Resources on Workplace Justice
6	Thu	
7	Fri	National Threatened Species Day - ACSJC Resources on the Environment 1936: Death in Hobart Zoo of last Tasmanian tiger in captivity - ACSJC Resources on the Environment
8	Sat	International Literacy Day
9	Sun	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Child Protection Sunday
10	Mon	First day of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) World Suicide Prevention Day
11	Tue	2001: Terrorist attacks on New York and Washington DC : nearly 3000 people killed - ACSJC Resources on Peacebuilding
12	Wed	1977: Death of anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko - ACSJC Resources on Confronting Racism 1843: Battle of One Tree Hill near Toowoomba (Qld) between Aboriginal landowners and European settlers - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People
13	Thu	2007: Adoption by UN of Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People
14	Fri	1981: Pope John Paul II's encyclical Laborem Exercens ('On Human Work')
15	Sat	International Day of Democracy
16	Sun	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer - ACSJC Resources on the Environment

		1993: Death of Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) , Aboriginal poet, activist and artist - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People
17	Mon	
18	Tue	1961: Death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld
19	Wed	First day of Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
20	Thu	
21	Fri	International Day of Peace - ACSJC Resources on Peacebuilding READ MORE ↓ World Alzheimer's Day
22	Sat	
23	Sun	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1959: Launch of Australian Consumers Association
24	Mon	
25	Tue	
26	Wed	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons - ACSJC Resources on Peacebuilding
27	Thu	World Tourism Day St Vincent de Paul 1988: Formation of Burma's National League for Democracy by Aung San Suu Kyi World Maritime Day
28	Fri	St Wenceslas 1872: Birth of David Unaipon , Aboriginal writer and activist - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People

		1983: Death of John Pat in Roeburne Prison WA, prompting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody - ACSJC Resources on Justice for Indigenous People
29	Sat	
30	Sun	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Social Justice Sunday