

# ACSJC Monthly Briefing October 2018 No 205



## From the Secretariat October 2018

Dear Friends,

On Thursday September 6, we launched the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2018–2019 Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*.

Launching the Statement with Bishop Long Van Nguyen were Netty Horton, Chief Executive Officer of CatholicCare Melbourne, and Jack de Groot, Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society of New South Wales. Netty and Jack are long-time advocates for the marginalised and oppressed, and their organisations have a particular focus on addressing the scourge of poverty and homelessness in our society.

### **Time to assert that secure and affordable housing is a human right**

Netty Horton reflected on her work since arriving in Australia over 30 years ago, assisting people who were homeless as an outreach worker. She said that human dignity and establishing real relationship remain key challenges to addressing persistent and increasing levels of homelessness.

'I visited appalling rooming houses, crawled through squats, picked up homeless people from the streets and negotiated accommodation with both private and community landlords. I also interviewed numerous homeless people gathering data about their lives and experiences and was educated by them about their pathways into homelessness.

'I learned that these individuals became homeless for many and multiple reasons. I learned about the high prevalence of mental health and addictions, and a range of complex needs. I learned that homeless women were the most stigmatised even within the homeless population. But mostly I learned about the absence of positive relationships, and the marginalised life of the people I met, and their exclusion from so many of the services and environments that I had taken for granted.

'Most importantly, I learned that homeless people had exactly the same aspirations as me, and most of us', she said.

Netty said that it was dispiriting that homelessness has increased numerically and in terms of the number of groups that are at risk. At the same time, she expressed some optimism because the problem of homelessness is solvable.

'The call of 116,000 Australians a night on the entire population of 25 million is not such a huge one. We need improved levels of income support and assistance for the most vulnerable, for greater investment in public and community housing, and for action to address the structural issues that overinflate the cost of housing. But even prior to this we must face a challenge of attitude – as individuals, as communities and as a nation.

'We must be careful not to romanticise poverty, equating it with a kind of simple and uncomplicated lifestyle; the reality is that the experience of poverty is complex, insecure and unsafe. As a community we need to stop pathologising homelessness – saying that people who are homeless "have something

wrong with them” or are without accommodation because of their own life choices; so often I have people telling me that a lot of homeless people choose to be homeless, yet I have never met anyone who makes this choice when offered real alternatives. I suspect this myth makes us feel better about dealing with the increasing visibility of homeless people.

‘The overwhelming cause of homelessness is poverty, which is a responsibility of all of society to address. And we must challenge a view of the world that says that homelessness will always be with us – that it is unsolvable and someone else’s problem.

‘It is time for governments, and indeed all of the community, to assert that secure and affordable housing is a human right – and to act to make this a reality. We need a national strategy to address homelessness that combines the commitment of the Commonwealth, State and local governments as well as businesses and developers, the community sector and local community groups’, Netty said.

### **Time to end the denial and lock in housing targets**

Jack de Groot said that it was time to make serious inroads into addressing homelessness.

‘We are a rich nation. An advanced economy. And a Society in denial.

‘The denial in this nation is breathtaking. Each night 116, 000 of us sleep homeless. An increase of 12 per cent this century and over 10,000 more between the last two census figures. 875,000 households are under extreme housing stress. Insecurity of housing is an eroding of mental well-being amongst Australians. The ratio of house prices compared to household disposable incomes has increased by 51 per cent between 2000 and 2016.’

Jack spoke of the 500 affordable housing units being built throughout New South Wales by St Vincent de Paul NSW in partnership with the State government. He spoke also of the ongoing daily work of the Vinnies that is replicated by Church agencies throughout the country.

‘Last night here in Parramatta, in Newcastle, in Wollongong and the City of Sydney, our vans provided food, company, clothes and referral to those who are the street homeless, those in over-crowded boarding houses and couch-surfing. Last night, we provided emergency beds for people in Sydney and Newcastle. We provided transitional housing for families escaping domestic violence through our refuges and our residences for those managing in addiction in Wagga and Armidale. We cared for 80 men at the end of their lives who are homeless, disabled and dying at Frederic House.’

Jack put this challenge to all levels of government:

‘Local government must curb their dependency on appeasing property developers and develop a mature community benefit relationship. All new developments throughout Local Government Areas on private land must require 15 per cent of the housing be dedicated to affordable housing. Developers will make their money, LGAs will get their rates and fees and the community will be housed. On public land developments (such as those at Barangaroo or Olympic Park), 25 per cent of those developments must be allocated to affordable and social housing. However, government has consistently failed its obligation. No more is it acceptable, in a rich nation, that housing affordability is the point of conversation amongst primary aged children and a cause of stress for adolescents, as they imagine their future ...

‘State governments must set targets ... The release of land in a “supply-based” economic model with no social housing targets is only a win for developers and not for the Australian community ...

‘This current and new Prime Minister must turn the rhetoric of his time as Treasurer, on creating avenues for finance, to housing targets and he must aim to be goal accountable ...

‘In London, they have affordable housing targets on new developments. There are targets in New York. So here in Australia, with some of the least affordable cities in the world and 27 years of economic growth, it is time to rip off the shades of denial and set targets to overcome the housing affordability crisis and its impact in increasing inequality.’

### **The immediate threat of homelessness for asylum seekers**

Bishop Vincent Long acknowledged the work of Netty and Jack, and all those who assist people who experience housing insecurity and homelessness.

‘We should pay tribute to the diocesan social service agencies, the lay associations including the Society of St Vincent de Paul, members of Religious Orders, and initiatives such as the Mercy Foundation, the Sacred Heart Mission and the Australian Catholic Housing Alliance.’

The Bishop said, ‘In their commitment we see a heart-felt response to the Biblical call for justice based on our common dignity as God’s children and a determination to deal with the root causes of homelessness ...

‘The Gospel teaches us that God has an eye for the outsiders and those who are in any way marginalised by the society. In Jesus, God champions the cause of the socially insignificant, despised and excluded. Their dignity becomes the object of God’s concern and action in the world. As we observe Jesus’ encounters and interactions with them, we are challenged to examine our own sense of comfort and entitlement and ultimately to measure ourselves according to God’s inclusive vision,’ Bishop Long said.

The Statement mentions many groups who are particularly vulnerable to homelessness. Some have emerged in recent times, like older single women struggling in the private rental market. Others, like the First Peoples of Australia, experience chronic levels of homelessness that resonate down a history of dispossession from their land following European settlement. And others face an immediate prospect of homelessness because of deliberate and focussed government funding cuts. Bishop Long gave emphasis to the experience of one particular group.

‘Let me speak out about one group in particular: the people seeking asylum who are living in the community in Australia. Until recently, as part of what is known as the Status Resolution Support Service, they have been receiving an amount equivalent to 89 per cent of the Newstart Allowance. And as we know, the Newstart Allowance is well below the poverty line. But since late last year, the government has been classing many of these people as “work ready” and clearly plans to make the same decision for many more. That means that such people will have 28 days in which to find work before even that meagre allowance and associated support are cut off.

‘If this policy takes full effect, over 7,000 people seeking asylum will find themselves suddenly without any support at all. We all know how hard it is to find a job at the best of times, but people with limited skills and with little English will find it much harder. If you are a single parent, or are suffering from mental illness, or if your legal status is questionable or precarious, the task of finding and keeping

employment becomes many times harder again. Asylum seekers, strangers in our land, are depending on this support to keep a roof over their heads as well as to feed and clothe themselves and their families. If the support is cut off, the number of homeless in Australia could increase dramatically.'

Bishop Long called for a response of hospitality – to play the part of the Good Samaritan in assisting those most at risk of harm, those in greatest need, 'transforming our society into a community of genuine human relationships'.

### **Catholic Bishops' Statement and associated resources**

There are many ways the message of the Bishops' 2018–2019 Statement can be promoted throughout the year ahead.

The Statement can be [downloaded](#) from the ACSJC website.

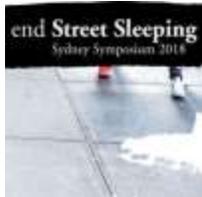
View this [short video](#) from the ACSJC website and consider passing it on to your local parish.

The [Ten Steps](#) leaflet has really practical suggestions as to how we can engage in work for a more inclusive society that ensures the human right to secure and affordable housing is guaranteed for all. This year, with the assistance of Catholic Social Services Victoria and a range of CatholicCare and other groups around the nation, diocese-specific versions of the Ten Steps have been produced, which can be accessed [here](#).

The ACSJC website also contains other resources that are ideal for prayer, worship, and personal reflection, and for discussion in classrooms and among groups.

Thank you for your support in spreading the message of this Statement on Social Justice Sunday and over the year to come.

John Ferguson  
(National Executive Officer)



### **Current Issues/Resources October 2018**

#### **Save the date: CSSA Conference 19 and 20 February 2019**

The Catholic Social Services Australia national conference, hosted by St Agnes' Parish at Port Macquarie, will explore and showcase how the Church's various ministries and structures can together address the unmet needs of the local community through collaboration and integration. The conference will include an opportunity to examine the political context, the social situation and the economic reality for the Church's mission in serving our communities. The Program will also include the inaugural Father Leo Donnelly Oration. For more information, please contact Kate Harkins at [kate.harkins@cssa.org.au](mailto:kate.harkins@cssa.org.au).

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HOUSING ALLIANCE**

The Australian Catholic Housing Alliance promotes affordable housing as a viable option for Church land, by sharing collective expertise and extending it to other Catholic Dioceses keen to know more about housing developments. ACHA members also work with government, community and the private sector in housing partnerships, as well as advocating for policies and funding that will increase the supply of affordable housing. To find out more visit [here](#).

### **‘ACT TO END STREET SLEEPING IN SYDNEY’ SYMPOSIUM**

The Symposium was held in Sydney in September and was hosted by the Act to End Street Sleeping Taskforce comprised CatholicCare, Catholic Healthcare, Mercy Foundation, St Vincent’s Health Australia and St Vincent de Paul NSW. The Symposium was attended by the City of Sydney, representatives of state government departments and academia. The Institute of Global Homelessness has invited Sydney to become a Vanguard city **to end homelessness. The aim is to end street sleeping by 2025 and restore dignity and hope to those who need our help more than ever. To find out more visit [here](#).**

### **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](#).**

### **CAMPAIGN: EVERYBODY’S HOME**

From people wanting to buy their very first house, to others struggling to just find a safe roof over their heads, it’s clear that the housing system isn’t working for everyone – with overinflated house prices, growing competition for rentals, lack of affordable housing and record levels of homelessness. The Everybody’s Home campaign calls for: support for first home buyers, a national housing strategy, better rental arrangements, relief for renters in chronic need and a plan to end homelessness by 2030. To find out more visit [here](#).

## **HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA**

Homelessness Australia is the national peak body for homelessness in Australia. We provide systemic advocacy for the homelessness sector. Homelessness Australia was defunded by the Federal Government in December 2014. It now operates on a voluntary basis and has no employed staff. It works with a large network of organisations to provide a unified voice when it comes to preventing and responding to homelessness. To find out more, 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](#).

## **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 Tuohy 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](#).

## **ABS: CENSUS – ESTIMATING HOMELESSNESS, 2016**

Homelessness is not just the result of too few houses. Its causes are many and varied. Domestic violence, a shortage of affordable housing, unemployment, mental illness, family breakdown and drug and alcohol abuse all contribute to the level of homelessness in Australia. Homelessness is not a choice. Homelessness is one of the most potent examples of disadvantage in the community, and one of the most important markers of social exclusion. The estimates of the prevalence of homelessness, and the characteristics and living arrangements of those likely to be homeless, on Census night 2016 are compared with estimates on the Census nights of 2011, 2006 and 2001. Access the Census data [here](#).

## **SBS: 'FILTHY RICH AND HOMELESS'**

Recent episodes of the documentary are available at SBS On Demand. Five high-profile Australians with the potential to effect real change will swap their privileged lives to discover what life is like for the nation's homeless in the country's most expensive city - Sydney. Stars actor and broadcaster Cameron Daddo, charity fundraiser and Sydney socialite Skye Leckie, author and journalist Benjamin Law, politician and activist Alex Greenwich and singer and Instagram star Alli Simpson. Access the episodes [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' 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](#).

## **ACOSS: ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF RAISING BENEFIT RATES**

The Australian Council of Social Service has released a report that models the positive impact of lifting allowances. The report models the economic impact of raising Newstart and related payments by \$75 per week. The report finds that increasing these payments will boost wellbeing particularly in regional communities doing it the toughest. Dr Cassandra Goldie said, 'The message from the economists at Deloitte is clear: lifting Newstart and reducing poverty and inequality is resoundingly good for the economy. The injection of millions of dollars into regional communities will create new jobs, lift wages and profits as well as increase the incomes of people in the lowest 5%, reducing inequality'. Access the report [here](#).



## **ACSJC Publications October 2018**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2018–2019 – ORDER NOW!**

This year's Social Justice Statement is entitled 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The ACSJC is taking orders for the Statement. An order form, letter from the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and summary material are available on the ACSJC website, [here](#).

PDF and Word versions of the Statement as well as a range of print and multimedia resources are also available online.

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

This year the 'Ten Steps' resource now has a diocesan breakdown of relevant agencies and resources to each region that can be downloaded [here](#).

## **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 October 2018

### [Mandatory sentencing 'a backwards step'](#)

21-Sep-2018

The passing of new laws that will impose mandatory prison sentences on people who assault emergency services workers is a step backwards for Victoria's criminal justice system, says Jesuit Social Services.

### [Francis warns against rise in racism and intolerance](#)

21-Sep-2018

Attitudes that many thought were a thing of the past – such as racism – are on the rise again and can lead to intolerant and discriminating behaviour and policies, Pope Francis warned yesterday. Source: Vatican News.

### [Christians 'have moral mandate' to fight racism](#)

20-Sep-2018

Christians have the teachings and the responsibility to address growing fear of and discrimination against immigrants and refugees, said speakers opening a Vatican-sponsored conference. Source: Crux.

### [Bono sings the praises of 'extraordinary' Francis](#)

20-Sep-2018

Bono, the lead singer of the Irish band U2, yesterday called Pope Francis an "extraordinary man for extraordinary times" in a press conference at the Vatican. Source: CNS.

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### [Bishop leads walk in support of homeless](#)

19-Sep-2018

Melbourne Auxiliary Bishop Mark Edwards OMI led 400 people through the city for a "Walk of Witness" before the archdiocesan launch of the 2018-19 Social Justice Statement, A Place to Call Home. Source: Melbourne Catholic.

### [New research maps 'corridor of homelessness'](#)

18-Sep-2018

New research by the Council to Homeless Persons has mapped Victoria's homeless population using data from the 2016 Census to give a true picture of homelessness across the state. Source: The Age.

### [Add penalties to modern slavery laws: Labor](#)

13-Sep-2018

Big businesses who don't disclose what they're doing to stop modern slavery in their supply chains should face penalties, Labor has argued in Parliament. Source: SBS News.

### [Young people in prison at risk of 'irreversible harm'](#)

13-Sep-2018

A new Jesuit Social Services report has raised concerns regarding the welfare and treatment of young adults in Victorian prisons, particularly those who spend time in isolation.

### [University's social justice institute facing the axe](#)

12-Sep-2018

The Australian Catholic University may close down its Institute of Social Justice in Sydney, where students and academics now canvass questions of religion, secularism and human rights. Source: The Australian.

### [Faith leaders denounce asylum-seeker policy](#)

12-Sep-2018

Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. has joined other faith leaders in denouncing Australia's indefinite detention of refugees and asylum-seekers on Nauru and Manus Island. Source: Catholic Outlook.

### [Number of homeless older Australians rising](#)

12-Sep-2018

The number of older Australians who are homeless has grown significantly in the past decade, according to a new report. Source: News.com.au.

### [Church calls for action on homelessness](#)

06-Sep-2018

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has used its 2018-19 Social Justice Statement to express deep concern about Australia's alarming growth in homelessness and insecure housing. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

### [Crusading Indonesian priest fights human trafficking](#)

05-Sep-2018

Fighting human trafficking has become a daily routine over the past five years for Indonesian priest Fr Chrisantus Paschalis Saturnus. Source: ucanews.com.

[Drinkable water a basic human right: Pope](#)

03-Sep-2018

Water is a gift of God that makes life possible and yet millions of people do not have access to safe drinking water, and rivers, seas and oceans continue to be polluted, Pope Francis said at the weekend.

Source: CNS.

- Courtesy [CathNews](#)



## Social Justice Diary October 2018

October 2018

1	Mon	<p><a href="#">International Day for Older Persons</a></p> <p>2005: <a href="#">Second Bali bombing: 20 people killed and more than 100 injured</a> - ACSJC Resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a></p> <p><a href="#">World Habitat Day</a> - ACSJC Resources on the <a href="#">Environment</a></p>
2	Tue	<p><a href="#">International Day of Non-Violence</a> - ACSJC Resources on <a href="#">Peacebuilding</a></p> <p>READ MORE ↓</p> <p>1869: <a href="#">Birth of Mahatma Gandhi</a></p>
3	Wed	
4	Thu	<p><a href="#">Feast of St Francis of Assisi</a></p> <p>Beginning of <a href="#">World Space Week</a></p> <p>1957: <a href="#">Launch of Sputnik 1 by the Soviet Union</a></p>
5	Fri	<p><a href="#">World Teachers' Day</a></p>
6	Sat	
7	Sun	<p>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>
8	Mon	

9	Tue	<a href="#"><u>World Post Day</u></a>
10	Wed	<a href="#"><u>World Mental Health Day</u></a>
11	Thu	<a href="#"><u>International Day of the Girl Child</u></a> 1962: <a href="#"><u>Opening Session of Second Vatican Council</u></a>
12	Fri	2002: <a href="#"><u>First Bali bombing: 202 people killed and 240 injured</u></a> - ACSJC Resources on <a href="#"><u>Peacebuilding</u></a>
13	Sat	<a href="#"><u>International Day for Disaster Reduction</u></a>
14	Sun	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Beginning of <a href="#"><u>Anti-Poverty Week</u></a> READ MORE ↓
15	Mon	<a href="#"><u>International Day of Rural Women</u></a>
16	Tue	<a href="#"><u>World Food Day</u></a>
17	Wed	<a href="#"><u>International Day for Eradication of Poverty</u></a> - ACSJC Resources on <a href="#"><u>World Poverty</u></a> READ MORE ↓
18	Thu	
19	Fri	2001: <a href="#"><u>Sinking of refugee vessel SIEV X</u></a> - ACSJC Resources on <a href="#"><u>Refugees</u></a>
20	Sat	<a href="#"><u>World Statistics Day</u></a>
21	Sun	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <a href="#"><u>World Mission Sunday</u></a>
22	Mon	
23	Tue	

24	Wed	<p><u><a href="#">United Nations Day</a></u></p> <p>1945: <u><a href="#">Establishment of the United Nations</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">World Development Information Day</a></u></p> <p>Beginning of <u><a href="#">Disarmament Week</a></u> - ACSJC Resources on <u><a href="#">Peacebuilding</a></u></p>
25	Thu	
26	Fri	<p>1985: <u><a href="#">Return of Uluru to the traditional owners, the Anangu people</a></u> - ACSJC resources on <u><a href="#">Justice for Indigenous People</a></u></p>
27	Sat	
28	Sun	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29	Mon	
30	Tue	
31	Wed	<u><a href="#">World Cities Day</a></u>